West Virginia
Economic Summary

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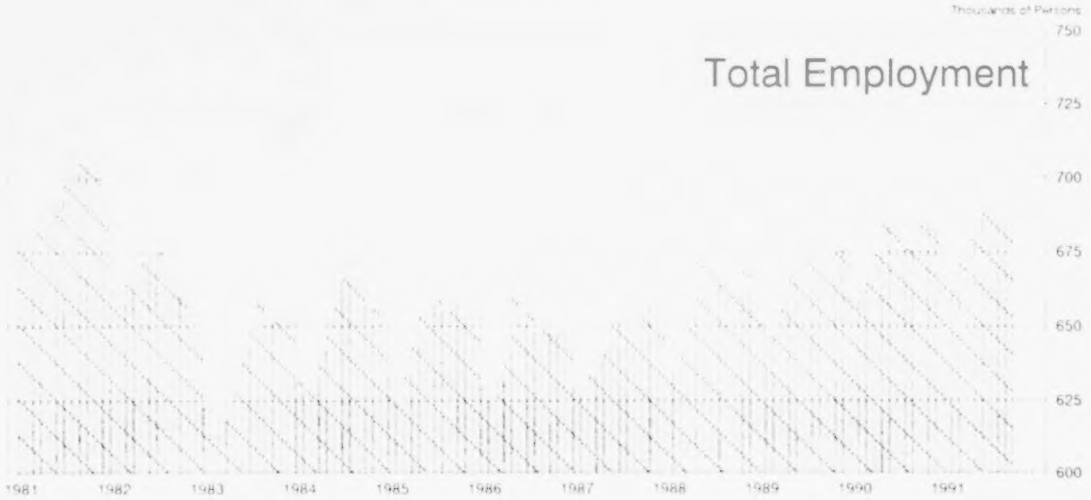
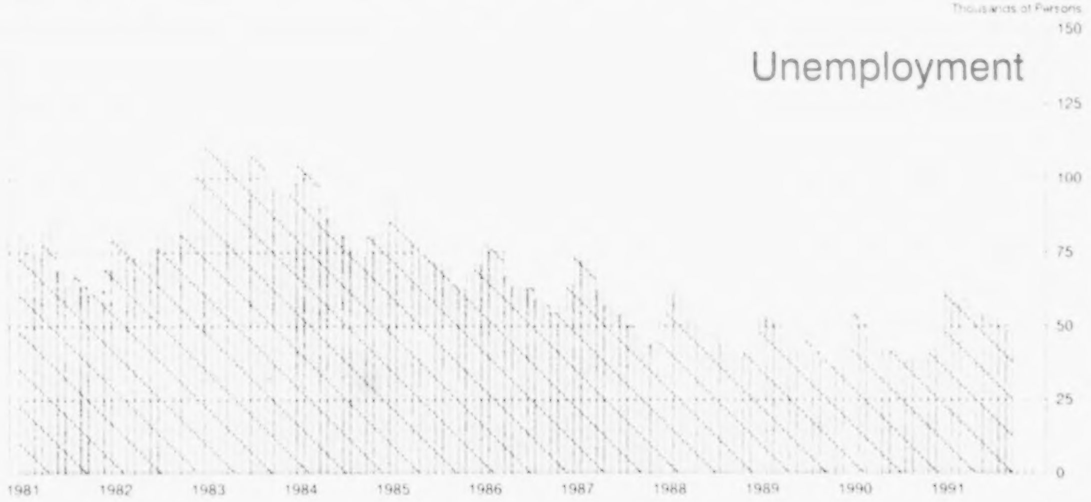
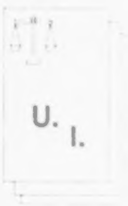




West Virginia Economic Indicators



	Sept. 1991	Aug. 1991	Sept. 1990
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.9	40.4	40.9
Seasonally Adjusted	41.0	40.7	41.1
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,588	2,561	2,695
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$483.03	$473.89	$471.58
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	45.7	46.3	45.4
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$823.97	$851.92	$824.92
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	13,438	14,668	13,904
Seasonally Adjusted	12,895	13,812	13,342
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,144	1,137	1,147
Seasonally Adjusted	1,141	1,130	1,144
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	5,176	6,975	6,149
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,005	1,111	927
Seasonally Adjusted	1,279	1,177	1,179
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,444	1,779	1,348
Seasonally Adjusted	2,009	1,989	1,876
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	3.2	3.5	2.2
Seasonally Adjusted	4.5	4.3	3.0
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted (WV Series)	7.6	7.5	6.0

NOTE: Data for prior month and year may be revised from previously published figures.

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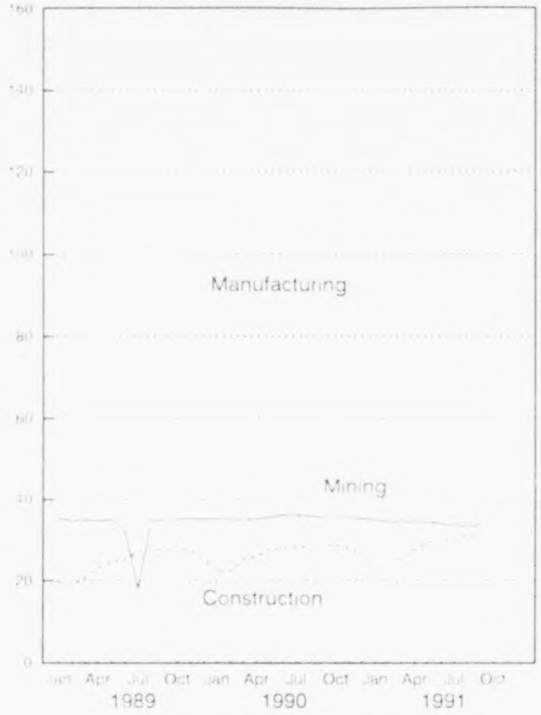
Selected National Data

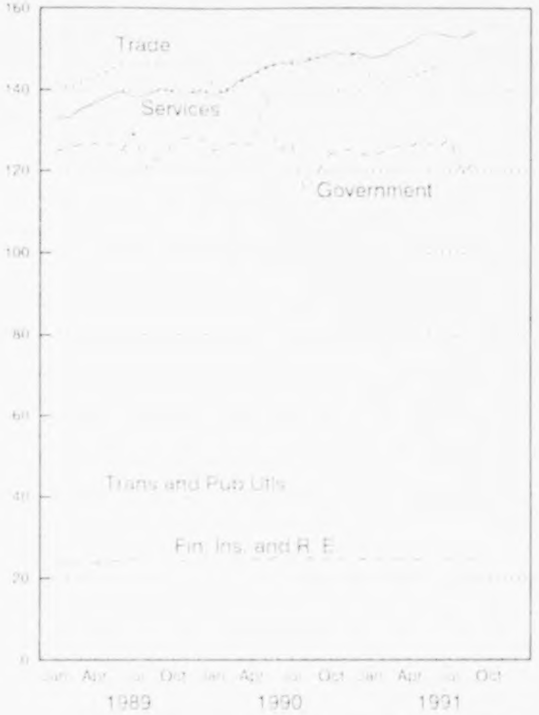
	Sept. 1991	Aug. 1991	Sept. 1990
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	6.4	6.5	5.5
Seasonally Adjusted	6.7	6.8	5.7
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	137.2	136.6	132.7
1967 Base	411.1	409.2	397.5
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	121.3	121.7	120.4
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	341.9	344.2	322.9
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	2.6	2.8	2.0
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.1	2.4

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

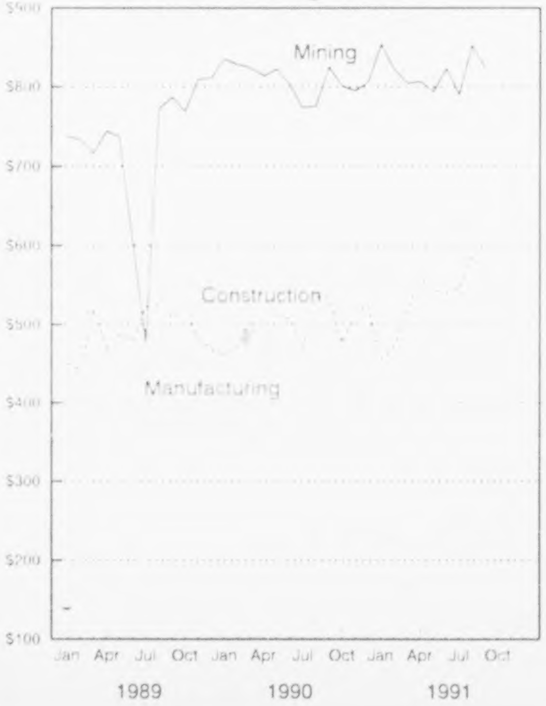
Goods Producing Employment
Employment in Thousands



Service Producing Employment
Employment in Thousands



Average Weekly Earnings
Goods Producing Industries



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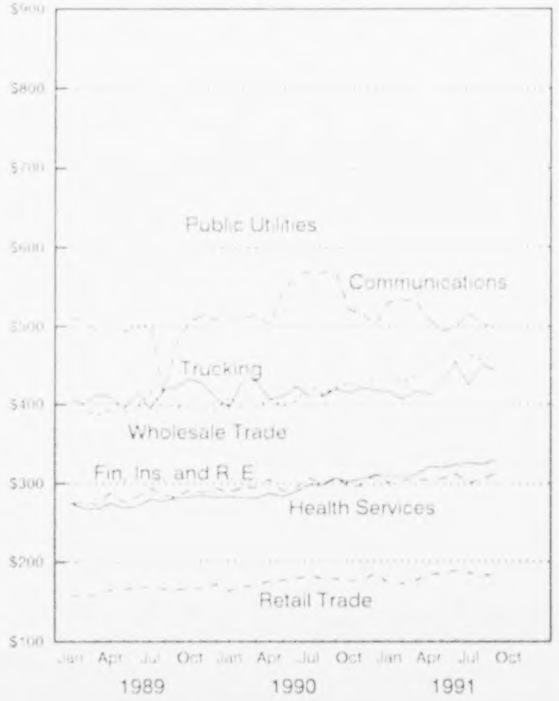


Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force In West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Change From: Aug. 1991	Sep. 1990
Civilian Labor Force	734.6	734.8	716.7	-0.2	17.9
Total Employment	686.1	684.6	679.1	1.5	7.0
Total Unemployment	48.5	50.2	37.6	-1.7	10.9
Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.8	5.3	xx	xx

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Change From: Aug. 1991	Sep. 1990
Civilian Labor Force	776.7	787.0	772.3	-10.3	4.4
Total Employment	702.7	704.7	700.6	-2.0	2.1
Total Unemployment	74.0	82.3	71.7	-8.3	2.3
Unemployment Rate	9.5	10.5	9.3	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment increased 1,500 between August and September, due largely to seasonal education additions. There were 686,100 state residents who held jobs in September 1991, 7,000 more than a year ago.

Goods-producing industries showed only minor changes between August and September (+100 in mining, -200 in construction and -200 in manufacturing), with manufacturing's recessionary losses in metals and chemicals being partially offset by employment recalls in the electrical equipment and the stone, clay and glass sectors. Among the service-producing industries, seasonal gains at schools were the dominant force behind job increases of 1,800 in state government, 1,400 in local government and 1,300 in private sector educational services. The autumn educational expansion mentioned above, plus a 700 addition to social services, which includes sheltered workshops with a seasonal pattern similar to schools, helped boost the private services industry by 1,600. The end of summer caused seasonal employment reductions in the tourism-sensitive industries of amusements, hotels and restaurants, which lost 200 each. Trade and the transportation and public utilities group each experienced seasonally typical losses of 500 as well.

Compared with September of last year, nonfarm payroll employment is ahead by 3,800, which is good news in the wake of a national recession. The shift from a goods-producing to a service-producing economy continues, however, as the goods-producing industries altogether lost 2,900 employees since September of last year while the service-producing industries enjoyed a net gain of 6,700.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total resident-based unemployment declined by 1,700 during September, to a level of 48,500 statewide. The rate of unemployment dropped to 6.6 percent for September, down from 6.8 percent in August. The monthly improvements are largely seasonal. The impact of the national recession is still evident in comparison with last September's lower rate of 5.3 percent and 10,900 fewer unemployed persons.

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production Workers, Select Industries

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Manufacturing	$483.03	$473.89	$471.58	40.9	40.4	40.9	$11.81	$11.73	$11.53
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	437.02	448.87	423.26	39.3	39.1	39.3	11.12	11.48	10.77
Primary Metals Industries	647.28	632.16	631.03	43.5	42.8	43.7	14.88	14.77	14.44
Fabricated Metal Products	409.16	426.34	426.70	37.4	38.1	39.4	10.94	11.19	10.83
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	508.41	506.74	481.89	41.2	41.4	40.7	12.34	12.24	11.84
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	592.72	591.67	505.72	44.7	45.2	40.2	13.26	13.09	12.58
Chemicals & Allied Products	741.46	705.60	698.10	45.6	45.0	44.1	16.26	15.68	15.83
Coal Mining	823.97	851.92	824.92	45.7	46.3	45.4	18.03	18.40	18.17
Construction	567.49	586.85	535.08	39.3	40.5	39.0	14.44	14.49	13.72

Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands — Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September 1991

	Prelim. Sep. '91	Revised Aug. '91	Revised Sep. '90	Change From: Aug. 1991	Change From: Sep. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	632.4	628.9	628.6	3.5	3.8
PRIVATE SECTOR	509.9	509.6	508.8	0.3	1.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	147.8	148.1	150.7	-0.3	-2.9
Mining	33.5	33.4	35.6	0.1	-2.1
Coal Mining	28.0	27.9	29.9	0.1	-1.9
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.5	4.5	4.7	0.0	-0.2
Other Mining	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	30.6	30.8	28.6	-0.2	2.0
General Building Contractors	7.1	7.3	7.1	-0.2	0.0
Heavy Construction	9.1	9.1	9.1	0.0	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	14.4	14.4	12.4	0.0	2.0
Manufacturing	83.7	83.9	86.5	-0.2	-2.8
Durable Goods	45.8	45.9	48.7	-0.1	-2.9
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.9	7.9	7.7	0.0	0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.6	7.4	7.5	0.2	0.1
Primary Metals Industries	13.3	13.5	14.9	-0.2	-1.6
Fabricated Metal Products	5.3	5.4	5.4	-0.1	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.9	5.0	5.8	-0.1	-0.9
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.6	2.4	2.6	0.2	0.0
Transportation Equipment	1.9	2.0	2.5	-0.1	-0.6
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	37.9	38.0	37.8	-0.1	0.1
Food & Kindred Products	4.2	4.3	4.2	-0.1	0.0
Textile Mill Products	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.3	4.2	4.3	0.1	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1
Printing & Publishing	5.0	5.0	5.1	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	17.6	17.8	17.7	-0.2	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	4.7	4.7	4.6	0.0	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	484.6	480.8	477.9	3.8	6.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.0	37.5	37.7	-0.5	-0.7
Railroad Transportation	3.7	3.7	3.9	0.0	-0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	9.2	9.4	9.5	-0.2	-0.3
Other Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.7	0.0	-0.1
Communications	8.1	8.2	8.2	-0.1	-0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.4	12.6	12.4	-0.2	0.0
Trade	145.9	146.4	147.7	-0.5	-1.8
Wholesale Trade	30.1	30.2	30.3	-0.1	-0.2
Retail Trade	115.8	116.2	117.4	-0.4	-1.6
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.3	5.3	5.0	0.0	0.3
General Merchandise Stores	16.1	16.3	16.0	-0.2	0.1
Food Stores	22.7	22.7	22.6	0.0	0.1
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.5	14.5	15.3	0.0	-0.8
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.0	5.1	6.8	-0.1	-1.8
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.2	4.2	4.4	0.0	-0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	36.2	36.4	36.0	-0.2	0.2
Miscellaneous Retail	11.8	11.7	11.3	0.1	0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.8	24.8	24.8	0.0	0.0
Finance	14.1	14.2	14.0	-0.1	0.1
Insurance	6.4	6.3	6.5	0.1	-0.1
Real Estate	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0
Services	154.4	152.8	147.9	1.6	6.5
Agricultural Services	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.0	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	9.4	9.6	8.9	-0.2	0.5
Personal Services	6.3	6.2	6.2	0.1	0.1
Business Services	14.5	14.5	14.5	0.0	0.0
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.2	6.2	6.3	0.0	-0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	6.4	6.6	6.5	-0.2	-0.1
Health Services	58.2	58.2	55.7	0.0	2.5
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.9	10.9	10.3	0.0	0.6
Hospitals	29.1	29.2	28.0	-0.1	1.1
Other Health Services	18.2	18.1	17.4	0.1	0.8
Legal Services	4.4	4.4	4.0	0.0	0.4
Educational Services	5.3	4.0	4.9	1.3	0.4
Social Services	11.9	11.2	9.6	0.7	2.3
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.6	19.6	0.0	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	8.8	8.8	8.5	0.0	0.3
Other Services	0.8	0.9	0.7	-0.1	6.1
Government	122.5	119.3	119.8	3.2	2.7
Federal	16.9	16.9	14.8	0.0	2.1
Hospitals	3.1	3.2	2.9	-0.1	0.2
U S Postal Service	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	8.7	8.6	6.9	0.1	1.8
State	36.3	34.5	35.7	1.8	0.6
Hospitals	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	-0.1
Education	14.9	12.7	14.1	2.2	0.8
Other State	18.9	19.3	19.0	-0.4	-0.1
Local	69.3	67.9	69.3	1.4	0.0
Hospitals	5.0	5.1	5.0	-0.1	0.0
Education	42.9	40.5	43.4	2.4	-0.5
Other Local	21.4	22.3	20.9	-0.9	0.5
Labor-Management Dispute Status	1.7	1.7	0.7	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

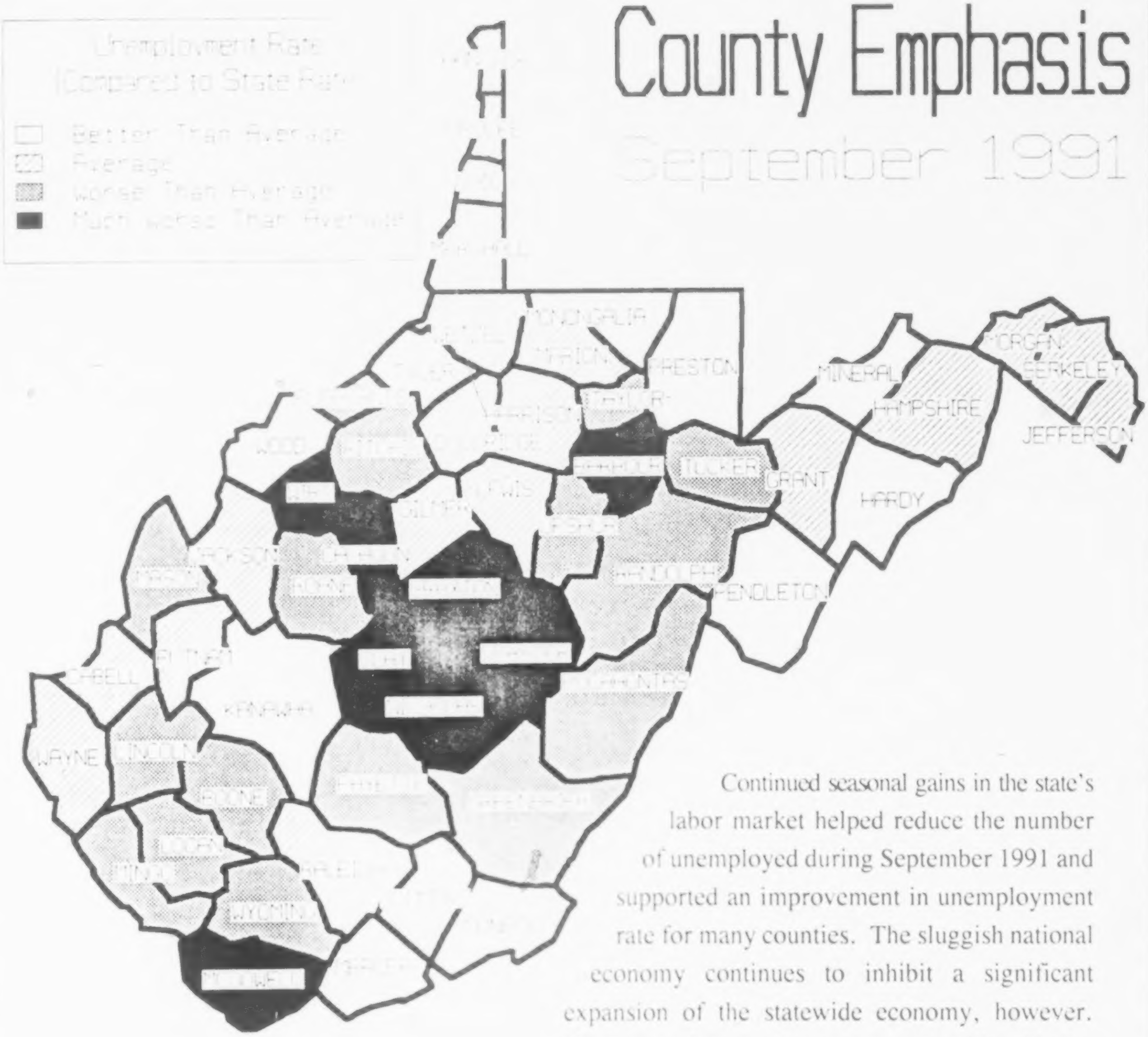
(In Thousands — Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September 1991

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Change From: Aug. 1991	Sep. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	280.0	279.2	271.7	0.8	8.3
PRIVATE SECTOR	215.5	215.8	209.9	-0.3	5.6
GOODS-PRODUCING	24.5	24.6	24.3	-0.1	0.2
Mining	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.4	2.4	2.2	0.0	0.2
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	20.1	20.2	20.1	-0.1	0.0
Durable Goods	7.5	7.5	8.0	0.0	-0.5
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.9	0.8	-0.1	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.0	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.0	-0.2
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.1	0.0
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.1
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	12.6	12.7	12.1	-0.1	0.5
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Textile Mill Products	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.7	3.5	3.6	0.2	0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	3.0	3.1	3.0	-0.1	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	2.1	1.7	-0.2	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	255.5	254.6	247.4	0.9	8.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.1	8.2	8.2	-0.1	-0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Communications	3.7	3.8	3.8	-0.1	-0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Trade	68.3	69.2	68.0	-0.9	0.3
Wholesale Trade	6.0	6.1	5.6	-0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	62.3	63.1	62.4	-0.8	-0.1
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.2	11.3	10.6	-0.1	0.6
Food Stores	12.0	12.1	11.5	-0.1	0.5
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.6	3.6	3.5	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.2	4.3	5.7	-0.1	-1.5
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.0	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	21.0	21.4	20.5	-0.4	0.5
Miscellaneous Retail	7.8	7.9	8.3	-0.1	-0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.3	15.4	15.5	-0.1	-0.2
Finance	11.0	11.1	10.8	-0.1	0.2
Insurance	2.9	2.8	3.0	0.1	-0.1
Real Estate	1.4	1.5	1.7	-0.1	-0.3
Services	99.3	98.4	93.9	0.9	5.4
Agricultural Services	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	5.1	5.2	4.7	-0.1	0.4
Personal Services	4.1	4.0	3.8	0.1	0.3
Business Services	7.3	7.3	7.0	0.0	0.3
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.9	3.1	2.9	-0.2	0.0
Health Services	48.1	47.8	45.9	0.3	2.2
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.9	9.7	8.9	0.2	1.0
Hospitals	24.1	24.1	23.2	0.0	0.9
Other Health Services	14.1	14.0	13.8	0.1	0.3
Legal Services	3.5	3.5	3.1	0.0	0.4
Educational Services	2.7	1.9	2.8	0.8	-0.1
Social Services	8.6	8.3	6.8	0.3	1.8
Membership Organizations	11.2	11.5	11.2	-0.3	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
Government	64.5	63.4	61.8	1.1	2.7
Federal	7.2	7.2	6.1	0.0	1.1
Hospitals	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	4.1	4.1	3.2	0.0	0.9
State	16.8	16.4	16.4	0.4	0.4
Hospitals	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
Education	7.9	6.6	7.1	1.3	0.8
Other State	7.2	8.1	7.5	-0.9	-0.3
Local	40.5	39.8	39.3	0.7	1.2
Hospitals	4.2	4.3	4.1	-0.1	0.1
Education	29.0	27.8	28.1	1.2	0.9
Other Local	7.3	7.7	7.1	-0.4	0.2

County Emphasis

September 1991



Unemployment Rate
(Compared to State Rate)
Better Than Average
Average
Worse Than Average
Much Worse Than Average
MARSHALL
MONONGALIA
MARION
PRESTON
TYLER
HARRISON
TAYLOR
WOOD
RITCHIE
DODDRIDGE
BARBOUR
TUCKER
WIRT
LEWIS
GILMER
UPSHUR
JACKSON
CALHOUN
MASON
ROANE
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BERKELEY
JEFFERSON
GRANT
HARDY
PUTNAM
CABELL
KANAWHA
CLAY
WEBSTER
NICHOLAS
POCAHONTAS
WAYNE
LINCOLN
BOONE
FAYETTE
GREENBRIER
LOGAN
MINGO
RALEIGH
WYOMING
MCDOWELL
MERCER

Continued seasonal gains in the state's labor market helped reduce the number of unemployed during September 1991 and supported an improvement in unemployment rate for many counties. The sluggish national economy continues to inhibit a significant expansion of the statewide economy, however. Counties with unemployment rates considered better than average include Pendleton (3.2), Monongalia (3.3), Ohio (4.0), Hardy (4.1), Mineral (4.2), Kanawha (4.8), Tyler (5.0), Preston (5.4), Wood (5.5), Doddridge (5.6), Morgan (5.7), and Gilmer (5.7).

Counties with unemployment rates regarded as much worse than average were beneficiaries of the statewide labor market gains as well. This list continues to dwindle and currently comprises Clay (10.7), Calhoun (10.7, Nicholas (11.2), Wirt (11.9), Webster (13.0), Braxton (13.0), Barbour (14.6), and McDowell (16.3).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)**

September 1991
(Revised August 1991 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,860	(4,480)	4,150	(3,760)	710	(720)	14.6	(16.1)
Berkeley	28,890	(28,990)	27,190	(27,140)	1,710	(1,850)	5.9	(6.4)
Boone	8,240	(8,400)	7,480	(7,590)	760	(810)	9.2	(9.6)
Braxton	5,090	(5,160)	4,430	(4,480)	660	(680)	13.0	(13.2)
Brooke	10,280	(10,330)	9,660	(9,640)	620	(690)	6.0	(6.7)
Cabell	43,140	(43,330)	40,610	(40,360)	2,530	(2,960)	5.9	(6.8)
Calhoun	2,710	(2,720)	2,420	(2,430)	290	(290)	10.7	(10.6)
Clay	3,010	(3,030)	2,690	(2,670)	320	(370)	10.6	(12.2)
Doddridge	2,250	(2,280)	2,130	(2,160)	120	(120)	5.3	(5.3)
Fayette	16,320	(16,190)	14,850	(14,690)	1,470	(1,500)	9.0	(9.3)
Gilmer	2,870	(2,950)	2,710	(2,800)	160	(150)	5.7	(5.1)
Grant	4,750	(4,730)	4,410	(4,400)	340	(330)	7.2	(7.0)
Greenbrier	14,980	(15,060)	13,820	(14,040)	1,160	(1,020)	7.7	(6.8)
Hampshire	7,400	(7,500)	6,920	(7,020)	480	(480)	6.5	(6.4)
Hancock	13,810	(13,770)	12,930	(12,910)	880	(860)	6.4	(6.2)
Hardy	6,030	(6,090)	5,790	(5,850)	250	(240)	4.1	(3.9)
Harrison	28,010	(28,370)	26,070	(26,420)	1,940	(1,960)	6.9	(6.9)
Jackson	9,980	(9,980)	9,350	(9,260)	620	(720)	6.2	(7.2)
Jefferson	20,210	(19,960)	18,800	(18,590)	1,420	(1,370)	7.0	(6.9)
Kanawha	97,540	(97,500)	92,870	(92,670)	4,670	(4,830)	4.8	(5.0)
Lewis	7,270	(7,380)	6,800	(6,900)	470	(480)	6.4	(6.5)
Lincoln	7,300	(7,380)	6,640	(6,670)	660	(720)	9.0	(9.8)
Logan	13,390	(13,430)	12,210	(12,180)	1,180	(1,260)	8.8	(9.4)
McDowell	6,530	(6,740)	5,470	(5,530)	1,060	(1,210)	16.2	(18.0)
Marion	21,860	(21,780)	20,210	(20,080)	1,650	(1,700)	7.6	(7.8)
Marshall	14,560	(14,530)	13,560	(13,570)	1,000	(970)	6.9	(6.7)
Mason	9,800	(9,980)	9,000	(9,160)	800	(820)	8.2	(8.2)
Mercer	25,610	(25,440)	24,040	(23,800)	1,560	(1,640)	6.1	(6.4)
Mineral	10,360	(10,270)	9,930	(9,780)	430	(490)	4.2	(4.8)
Mingo	10,770	(10,850)	9,930	(9,920)	840	(930)	7.8	(8.6)
Monongalia	39,730	(39,010)	38,420	(37,520)	1,310	(1,490)	3.3	(3.8)
Monroe	5,230	(5,320)	4,870	(4,950)	360	(370)	6.9	(6.9)
Morgan	5,070	(5,100)	4,780	(4,770)	290	(320)	5.7	(6.3)
Nicholas	8,900	(9,030)	7,900	(7,930)	1,000	(1,100)	11.2	(12.2)
Ohio	23,930	(23,840)	22,980	(22,990)	950	(850)	4.0	(3.6)
Pendleton	4,030	(4,090)	3,900	(3,930)	130	(170)	3.2	(4.1)
Pleasants	2,150	(2,210)	1,940	(1,960)	210	(250)	9.9	(11.3)
Pocahontas	4,570	(4,620)	4,190	(4,230)	370	(390)	8.2	(8.4)
Preston	12,650	(12,420)	11,970	(11,690)	680	(730)	5.4	(5.9)
Putnam	16,660	(16,660)	15,580	(15,550)	1,080	(1,110)	6.5	(6.7)
Raleigh	27,460	(27,580)	25,500	(25,550)	1,960	(2,030)	7.1	(7.4)
Randolph	11,420	(11,180)	10,320	(10,190)	1,110	(980)	9.7	(8.8)
Ritchie	5,250	(5,270)	4,850	(4,860)	410	(410)	7.7	(7.7)
Roane	4,870	(4,870)	4,380	(4,370)	490	(510)	10.0	(10.4)
Summers	4,170	(4,220)	3,900	(3,950)	260	(270)	6.3	(6.4)
Taylor	5,570	(5,740)	5,110	(5,180)	460	(560)	8.2	(9.7)
Tucker	3,620	(3,660)	3,320	(3,360)	300	(300)	8.2	(8.1)
Tyler	4,770	(4,870)	4,540	(4,580)	240	(280)	5.0	(5.8)
Upshur	8,450	(8,190)	7,620	(7,170)	830	(1,020)	9.8	(12.4)
Wayne	15,760	(15,780)	14,570	(14,660)	1,190	(1,120)	7.6	(7.1)
Webster	2,980	(3,060)	2,590	(2,600)	390	(450)	13.0	(14.9)
Wetzel	9,420	(9,590)	8,870	(8,960)	550	(640)	5.8	(6.7)
Wirt	2,190	(2,180)	1,930	(1,950)	260	(230)	11.9	(10.6)
Wood	41,160	(41,020)	38,910	(38,810)	2,250	(2,210)	5.5	(5.4)
Wyoming	6,750	(6,710)	6,080	(5,950)	670	(750)	9.9	(11.2)
Statewide	734,600	(734,800)	686,100	(684,600)	48,500	(50,200)	6.6	(6.8)

All data have been revised to March 1990 benchmark.

*The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(BLS Series Labor Force Data — Using U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)**

September 1991
(Revised August 1991 in parentheses)

APPROVED BY THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS
AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	5,330	(5,050)	4,250	(3,870)	1,080	(1,180)	20.2	(23.3)
Berkeley	30,450	(30,970)	27,840	(27,930)	2,610	(3,040)	8.6	(9.8)
Boone	8,810	(9,140)	7,660	(7,810)	1,150	(1,330)	13.1	(14.5)
Braxton	5,550	(5,730)	4,540	(4,620)	1,010	(1,110)	18.3	(19.4)
Brooke	10,840	(11,050)	9,890	(9,920)	950	(1,130)	8.8	(10.2)
Cabell	45,450	(46,100)	41,590	(42,070)	3,860	(4,030)	8.5	(8.7)
Calhoun	2,920	(2,970)	2,470	(2,500)	440	(470)	15.2	(15.9)
Clay	3,250	(3,350)	2,760	(2,740)	490	(600)	15.2	(18.0)
Doddridge	2,370	(2,420)	2,180	(2,220)	190	(200)	8.1	(8.3)
Fayette	17,450	(17,590)	15,210	(15,120)	2,240	(2,460)	12.9	(14.0)
Gilmer	3,030	(3,130)	2,780	(2,880)	250	(250)	8.2	(7.9)
Grant	5,040	(5,100)	4,520	(4,530)	530	(570)	10.4	(11.2)
Greenbrier	15,930	(16,120)	14,160	(14,450)	1,770	(1,670)	11.1	(10.3)
Hampshire	7,820	(8,020)	7,090	(7,230)	730	(790)	9.4	(9.8)
Hancock	14,590	(14,700)	13,250	(13,290)	1,340	(1,410)	9.2	(9.6)
Hardy	6,300	(6,410)	5,930	(6,020)	370	(390)	5.9	(6.1)
Harrison	29,660	(30,390)	26,710	(27,200)	2,950	(3,190)	9.9	(10.5)
Jackson	10,530	(10,720)	9,580	(9,530)	950	(1,190)	9.0	(11.1)
Jefferson	21,410	(21,380)	19,250	(19,130)	2,160	(2,250)	10.1	(10.5)
Kanawha	102,240	(103,310)	95,120	(95,390)	7,110	(7,920)	7.0	(7.7)
Lewis	7,680	(7,890)	6,960	(7,100)	710	(790)	9.3	(10.0)
Lincoln	7,810	(8,030)	6,800	(6,860)	1,000	(1,170)	12.8	(14.6)
Logan	14,300	(14,590)	12,510	(12,540)	1,790	(2,060)	12.5	(14.1)
McDowell	7,220	(7,670)	5,600	(5,690)	1,620	(1,980)	22.4	(25.8)
Marion	23,220	(23,460)	20,690	(20,670)	2,530	(2,780)	10.9	(11.9)
Marshall	15,420	(15,550)	13,890	(13,970)	1,530	(1,580)	9.9	(10.2)
Mason	10,430	(10,780)	9,210	(9,430)	1,220	(1,350)	11.7	(12.6)
Mercer	27,010	(27,190)	24,630	(24,500)	2,380	(2,690)	8.8	(9.9)
Mineral	10,820	(10,870)	10,170	(10,060)	660	(800)	6.1	(7.4)
Mingo	11,450	(11,740)	10,170	(10,210)	1,280	(1,530)	11.2	(13.0)
Monongalia	41,350	(41,060)	39,350	(38,620)	2,000	(2,440)	4.8	(5.9)
Monroe	5,540	(5,700)	4,990	(5,090)	550	(600)	9.9	(10.6)
Morgan	5,340	(5,440)	4,900	(4,910)	440	(530)	8.3	(9.7)
Nicholas	9,610	(9,960)	8,090	(8,170)	1,520	(1,800)	15.8	(18.0)
Ohio	24,990	(25,050)	23,530	(23,660)	1,460	(1,390)	5.8	(5.5)
Pendleton	4,190	(4,320)	4,000	(4,040)	200	(270)	4.6	(6.3)
Pleasants	2,310	(2,430)	1,990	(2,020)	330	(410)	14.1	(17.0)
Pocahontas	4,870	(5,000)	4,290	(4,350)	570	(650)	11.7	(12.9)
Preston	13,300	(13,230)	12,260	(12,030)	1,040	(1,200)	7.8	(9.1)
Putnam	17,600	(17,830)	15,960	(16,000)	1,640	(1,820)	9.3	(10.2)
Raleigh	29,110	(29,630)	26,120	(26,300)	2,990	(3,330)	10.3	(11.2)
Randolph	12,250	(12,100)	10,570	(10,490)	1,690	(1,610)	13.8	(13.3)
Ritchie	5,580	(5,670)	4,970	(5,010)	620	(660)	11.1	(11.7)
Roane	5,230	(5,320)	4,490	(4,490)	750	(830)	14.3	(15.6)
Summers	4,400	(4,500)	4,000	(4,060)	400	(440)	9.1	(9.8)
Taylor	5,930	(6,240)	5,230	(5,330)	700	(910)	11.8	(14.6)
Tucker	3,850	(3,950)	3,400	(3,460)	450	(490)	11.8	(12.4)
Tyler	5,010	(5,180)	4,650	(4,720)	360	(470)	7.2	(9.0)
Upshur	9,070	(9,060)	7,810	(7,380)	1,260	(1,670)	13.9	(18.5)
Wayne	16,740	(16,920)	14,920	(15,090)	1,820	(1,830)	10.8	(10.8)
Webster	3,240	(3,420)	2,650	(2,680)	590	(740)	18.2	(21.7)
Wetzel	9,920	(10,260)	9,080	(9,220)	840	(1,040)	8.5	(10.1)
Wirt	2,370	(2,380)	1,970	(2,000)	400	(380)	16.7	(15.9)
Wood	43,280	(43,570)	39,860	(39,950)	3,420	(3,610)	7.9	(8.3)
Wyoming	7,250	(7,360)	6,220	(6,130)	1,020	(1,240)	14.1	(16.8)
Statewide	776,700	(787,000)	702,700	(704,700)	74,000	(82,300)	9.5	(10.5)

All data have been revised to March 1990 benchmark.

*Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands — Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	114.2	114.2	111.9
Employment	108.5	108.2	107.5
Unemployment	5.7	5.9	4.4
Rate (%)	5.0	5.2	4.0
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	127.0	127.6	124.4
Employment	120.2	121.0	119.7
Unemployment	6.9	6.6	4.6
Rate (%)	5.4	5.2	3.7
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	70.1	70.0	68.4
Employment	67.0	66.8	65.4
Unemployment	3.2	3.2	2.9
Rate (%)	4.5	4.5	4.3
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	68.6	68.5	67.2
Employment	65.7	65.8	65.2
Unemployment	2.9	2.7	2.0
Rate (%)	4.2	4.0	3.0
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	35.8	36.4	35.3
Employment	33.3	33.8	33.1
Unemployment	2.5	2.6	2.2
Rate (%)	7.0	7.2	6.2
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.9	12.1	11.8
Employment	10.5	10.5	10.6
Unemployment	1.4	1.5	1.3
Rate (%)	11.7	12.8	10.8
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	52.4	51.4	50.1
Employment	50.4	49.2	48.6
Unemployment	2.0	2.2	1.5
Rate (%)	3.8	4.3	2.9
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.2	14.5	14.2
Employment	13.4	13.5	13.5
Unemployment	0.8	0.9	0.7
Rate (%)	5.6	6.4	5.2
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.2	20.4	20.0
Employment	18.7	19.0	18.8
Unemployment	1.5	1.4	1.2
Rate (%)	7.5	6.8	6.0

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands — Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	119.8	121.1	119.3
Employment	111.1	111.4	110.9
Unemployment	8.8	9.7	8.5
Rate (%)	7.3	8.0	7.1
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	132.9	134.7	130.4
Employment	120.5	122.2	121.7
Unemployment	12.4	12.6	8.6
Rate (%)	9.3	9.3	6.6
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	73.3	73.7	72.8
Employment	68.3	68.3	67.3
Unemployment	5.0	5.4	5.4
Rate (%)	6.8	7.3	7.5
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	71.6	71.8	70.8
Employment	67.0	67.2	67.1
Unemployment	4.6	4.6	3.8
Rate (%)	6.4	6.4	5.3
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	38.0	39.0	38.3
Employment	34.1	34.7	34.2
Unemployment	3.8	4.3	4.1
Rate (%)	10.1	11.0	10.8
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.9	13.4	13.3
Employment	10.7	10.8	10.9
Unemployment	2.1	2.5	2.4
Rate (%)	16.4	19.0	18.3
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	54.6	54.3	53.0
Employment	51.6	50.7	50.2
Unemployment	3.0	3.6	2.8
Rate (%)	5.6	6.7	5.3
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.9	15.4	15.3
Employment	13.7	13.9	13.9
Unemployment	1.2	1.5	1.4
Rate (%)	8.1	9.7	9.3
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.5	21.8	21.7
Employment	19.1	19.5	19.4
Unemployment	2.3	2.3	2.3
Rate (%)	10.8	10.4	10.6

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 400 during September 1991 in the Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area. The monthly seasonal advance occurred primarily in state (+100) and local (+200) government, resulting from the influx of noncovered student workers into the labor force. The remainder of the service-producing sector industries were mixed, with total services up by 200, while trade fell by 200 jobs. Transportation and public utilities was unchanged. The goods-producing sector advanced by 100 over the month, with construction increasing by 100 jobs. Comparison with year-ago September 1990 reveals an increase of 800, totally in the service-producing sector. Total services increased by 1,100 over the year, while most other nonfarm industries recorded slight declines or no change.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Local resident-based total unemployment fell slightly (-200) to a level of 5,700, during September 1991. The corresponding unemployment rate also declined to 5.0 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago September of 1990 reveals a substantial increase of 1,300 unemployed.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Labor Force	114.2	114.2	111.9
Employment	108.5	108.2	107.5
Unemployment	5.7	5.9	4.4
Rate (%)	5.0	5.2	4.0

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Labor Force	119.8	121.1	119.3
Employment	111.1	111.4	110.9
Unemployment	8.8	9.7	8.5
Rate (%)	7.3	8.0	7.1

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Change From: Aug. 1991	Change From: Sep. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	113.5	113.1	112.7	0.4	0.8
PRIVATE SECTOR	93.9	93.8	92.9	0.1	1.0
GOODS-PRODUCING	18.3	18.2	18.3	0.1	0.0
Mining	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	0.1
Construction	5.2	5.1	5.2	0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	10.9	10.9	11.0	0.0	-0.1
Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	9.2	9.2	9.2	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.8	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	95.2	94.9	94.4	0.3	0.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	9.2	9.2	9.2	0.0	0.0
Trade	29.4	29.6	29.4	-0.2	0.0
Wholesale Trade	7.2	7.2	7.2	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	22.2	22.4	22.2	-0.2	0.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.5	6.5	6.6	0.0	-0.1
Services	30.5	30.3	29.4	0.2	1.1
Health Services	11.2	11.3	10.6	-0.1	0.6
Government	19.6	19.3	19.8	0.3	-0.2
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
State	9.2	9.1	9.3	0.1	-0.1
Local	8.5	8.3	8.7	0.2	-0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.1	xx	xx

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Manufacturing	$627.97	$590.96	$583.81	44.6	44.4	44.6	$14.08	$13.31	$13.09
Nondurable Goods	680.61	636.61	608.81	46.3	46.4	44.7	14.70	13.72	13.62
Chemicals & Allied Products	757.92	713.94	681.16	48.0	48.7	45.9	15.79	14.66	14.84

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area decreased by 400 during September 1991. This decline occurred in the goods-producing sector, particularly in nondurable goods (-300), and construction employment (-100). The service-producing sector was unchanged, with losses in transportation and public utilities (-600) and trade (-200) offset by seasonal gains in state (+600) and local (+200) government. The year ago comparison indicates a decline of 200 nonfarm payroll jobs from September 1990. The goods-producing sector fell by 900 from a year ago, as 1,300 jobs were lost in local manufacturing industries. Service-producing industries countered this decrease with a gain of 700 jobs. Services (+700) and trade (+700) both increased significantly from a year ago, while transportation and public utilities decreased by 800 jobs.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Resident-based total unemployment increased by 300 during September 1990. The corresponding unemployment rate increased slightly to 5.4 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with total unemployment from September 1990 reveals a significant increase of 2,300.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Labor Force	127.0	127.6	124.4
Employment	120.2	121.0	119.7
Unemployment	6.9	6.6	4.6
Rate (%)	5.4	5.2	3.7

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Labor Force	132.9	134.7	130.4
Employment	120.5	122.2	121.7
Unemployment	12.4	12.6	8.8
Rate (%)	9.3	9.4	6.8

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Change From Aug 1991	Change From Sep 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	111.0	111.4	111.2	-0.4	-0.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	92.6	93.8	92.8	-1.2	-0.2
GOODS-PRODUCING	26.2	26.6	27.1	-0.4	-0.9
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.1
Construction	5.3	5.4	5.0	-0.1	0.3
Manufacturing	19.3	19.6	20.6	-0.3	-1.3
Durable Goods	11.4	11.4	12.3	0.0	-0.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.4	7.4	7.9	0.0	-0.5
Other Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.8	0.0	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	7.9	8.2	8.3	-0.3	-0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.6	1.6	-0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.1	4.2	4.3	-0.1	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	2.3	2.4	2.4	-0.1	-0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	84.8	84.8	84.1	0.0	0.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.6	8.2	8.4	-0.6	-0.8
Trade	28.9	29.1	28.2	-0.2	0.7
Wholesale Trade	5.6	5.6	5.7	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	23.3	23.5	22.5	-0.2	0.8
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	4.0	4.0	3.9	0.0	0.1
Services	25.9	25.9	25.2	0.0	0.7
Health Services	10.8	10.8	10.5	0.0	0.3
Government	18.4	17.6	18.4	0.8	0.0
Federal	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
State	4.5	3.9	4.5	0.6	0.0
Local	10.9	10.7	11.0	0.2	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Manufacturing	$553.32	$570.02	$551.36	40.3	40.6	41.3	$13.73	$14.04	$13.35
Durable Goods	591.41	619.18	591.60	40.9	41.5	42.5	14.46	14.92	13.92
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	505.10	537.97	522.04	40.8	41.8	42.1	12.38	12.87	12.40
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	670.75	703.91	642.18	41.1	42.1	42.0	16.32	16.72	15.29
Nondurable Goods	497.31	496.27	490.20	39.5	39.2	39.5	12.59	12.66	12.41

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased 300 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA during September 1991. Goods-producing businesses lost 100 jobs however, with manufacturing absorbing this decline completely. The service-producing sector produced 400 new jobs for the same period. A retreat in trade (-100) was offset by a gain in services (+100) and government (+400). Comparing total nonfarm payroll employment to September 1990 reveals a growth of 1,400 jobs. Goods-producing employment improved by 200. An increase was registered in construction (+100) and manufacturing (+100). Service-producing employment expanded with 1,200 new jobs. Gains were posted in transportation and public utilities (+100), trade (+400), finance, insurance, and real estate (+100), services (+300), and government (+300).

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed was unchanged for September 1991 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. The unemployment rate remained at 4.5 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to September 1990, the unemployment rate increased from 4.3 to 4.5 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Labor Force	70.1	70.0	68.4
Employment	67.0	66.8	65.4
Unemployment	3.2	3.2	2.9
Rate (%)	4.5	4.5	4.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Labor Force	73.3	73.7	72.8
Employment	68.3	68.3	67.3
Unemployment	5.0	5.4	5.4
Rate (%)	6.8	7.3	7.5

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Change From: Aug. 1991	Change From: Sep. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	62.7	62.4	61.3	0.3	1.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	53.0	53.1	51.9	-0.1	1.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	17.6	17.7	17.4	-0.1	0.2
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	14.1	14.2	14.0	-0.1	0.1
Durable Goods	6.9	6.9	6.7	0.0	0.2
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.7	1.4	0.0	0.3
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.0	-0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	7.2	7.3	7.3	-0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.4	5.5	5.5	-0.1	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	45.1	44.7	43.9	0.4	1.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1
Trade	15.3	15.4	14.9	-0.1	0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.0	2.8	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	12.3	12.4	12.1	-0.1	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	0.1
Services	15.3	15.2	15.0	0.1	0.3
Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.5	0.0	0.2
Government	9.7	9.3	9.4	0.4	0.3
Federal	2.0	2.0	1.7	0.0	0.3
State	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1
Local	6.6	6.2	6.7	0.4	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.4	XX	XX

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Manufacturing	$581.26	$570.56	$555.59	41.4	40.9	41.4	$14.04	$13.95	$13.42
Durable Goods	470.40	465.12	447.36	38.4	38.0	38.4	12.25	12.24	11.65
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	549.09	559.44	456.18	43.1	43.2	42.2	12.74	12.95	10.81
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	435.50	464.29	465.40	33.5	35.2	35.8	13.00	13.19	13.00
Nondurable Goods	715.74	692.01	672.12	45.1	44.2	44.6	15.87	15.67	15.07

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

HIGHLIGHTS

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment remained stable during September 1991 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA. The goods-producing sector experienced a decrease of 200 during the month. This decrease was reflected in manufacturing (-200), while mining and construction remained unchanged. The service-producing sector experienced an increase of 200 during the month of September. Services (+300) and government (+100) reflected increases, with trade (-200) experiencing a decrease. Transportation and public utilities and finance, insurance and real estate reflected no change for the month Comparison with year-ago September 1990 data reveals that total nonfarm payroll employment experienced a slight increase (+400). The goods-producing sector showed a decrease of 400 as construction (-200) and manufacturing (-200) had decreases. The service-producing sector advanced by 800, with services (+500), government (+300) and finance, insurance and real estate (+100) all showing increases. Transportation and public utilities declined slightly (-100) with trade remaining unchanged.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment increased 200 during September 1991. The MSA unemployment rate also advanced slightly to 4.2 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago September 1990 reveals that unemployment increased by 900, while the unemployment rate rose from 3.0 percent to the current 4.2 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Labor Force	68.6	68.5	67.2
Employment	65.7	65.8	65.2
Unemployment	2.9	2.7	2.0
Rate (%)	4.2	4.0	3.0

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Labor Force	71.6	71.8	70.8
Employment	67.0	67.2	67.1
Unemployment	4.6	4.6	3.8
Rate (%)	6.4	6.4	5.3

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Change From: Aug. 1991	 Sep. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	60.8	60.8	60.4	0.0	0.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	51.7	51.8	51.6	-0.1	0.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	11.5	11.7	11.9	-0.2	-0.4
Mining	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.0	2.0	2.2	0.0	-0.2
Manufacturing	7.2	7.4	7.4	-0.2	-0.2
Durable Goods	2.8	2.9	3.0	-0.1	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.5	4.4	-0.1	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	49.3	49.1	48.5	0.2	0.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.3	3.4	0.0	-0.1
Trade	16.2	16.4	16.2	-0.2	0.0
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.9	2.9	-0.1	-0.1
Retail Trade	13.4	13.5	13.3	-0.1	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.0	0.1
Services	17.6	17.3	17.1	0.3	0.5
Health Services	7.8	7.8	7.7	0.0	0.1
Government	9.1	9.0	8.8	0.1	0.3
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.7	1.5	1.6	0.2	0.1
Local	6.7	6.8	6.5	-0.1	0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90	Prelim. Sep.'91	Revised Aug.'91	Revised Sep.'90
Manufacturing	$725.56	$571.24	$577.15	48.5	40.2	42.5	$14.96	$14.21	$13.58
Nondurable Goods	658.59	579.09	609.22	43.5	39.8	41.5	15.14	14.55	14.68
Durable Goods	806.99	562.07	540.20	54.6	40.7	43.6	14.78	13.81	12.39

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date 2/	Active File	NONFARM JOB OPENINGS Received Program Year to Date 2/	UNFILLED Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total	Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
TOTAL 3/	111,362	70,807	15,381	2,321	1,424	12,350	7.2	30.5
Professional, Technical & Managerial	11,545	7,799	342	155	72	142	33.8	50.3
Clerical & Sales	29,414	18,717	2,302	696	399	1,536	12.8	26.9
Services	12,939	7,912	1,905	428	238	1,229	6.8	18.5
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	900	502	36	15	11	21	25.0	33.5
Processing	5,551	3,807	322	95	55	327	17.2	40.1
Machine Trades	7,481	5,084	305	82	49	180	24.5	62.0
Benchwork	4,783	3,221	153	74	49	98	31.3	43.5
Structural Work	18,182	11,990	723	274	199	423	25.1	43.8
Miscellaneous	23,911	13,381	9,323	502	352	8,394	2.6	26.7
Transportation	5,081	3,356	280	102	38	118	18.1	32.9
Packaging & Materials Handling	14,109	6,554	8,810	374	298	8,133	1.6	17.5
Other 4/	4,721	3,471	203	26	16	143	23.3	133.5
Entry Total 5/	18	3	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

1/ Source of Data: SAMS (State Employment Security Automated Management System); Table A96 containing fully registered applicants.

2/ Period Covered: July 1, 1991 through September 30, 1991. Program Year 1991 defined as July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992.

3/ Total excludes invalid occupational data.

4/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, and graphic art work.

5/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

State UI Program Activity	Sept. 1991	Aug. 1991	Sept. 1990	Percent Change to Sept. 1991 from: Aug. 1991	Sept. 1990
Total Initial Claims 1/	6,065	7,828	5,390	-22.5	12.5
Total Continued Weeks	78,693	81,084	51,180	-2.9	53.8
Total Benefits Paid	$10,746,812	$10,357,224	$5,966,670	3.8	80.1
Total Weeks Compensated	67,627	67,837	41,911	-0.3	61.4
Average Weekly Payment	$158.91	$152.68	$142.37	4.1	11.6
Monthly Insured Unemployment Rate 2/	3.2	3.5	2.2	xx	xx
UC Fund Balance, End of Month	$127,747,961	$137,744,214	$155,414,696	-7.3	-17.8

1/ Excluding transitional claims.

2/ Seasonally unadjusted.

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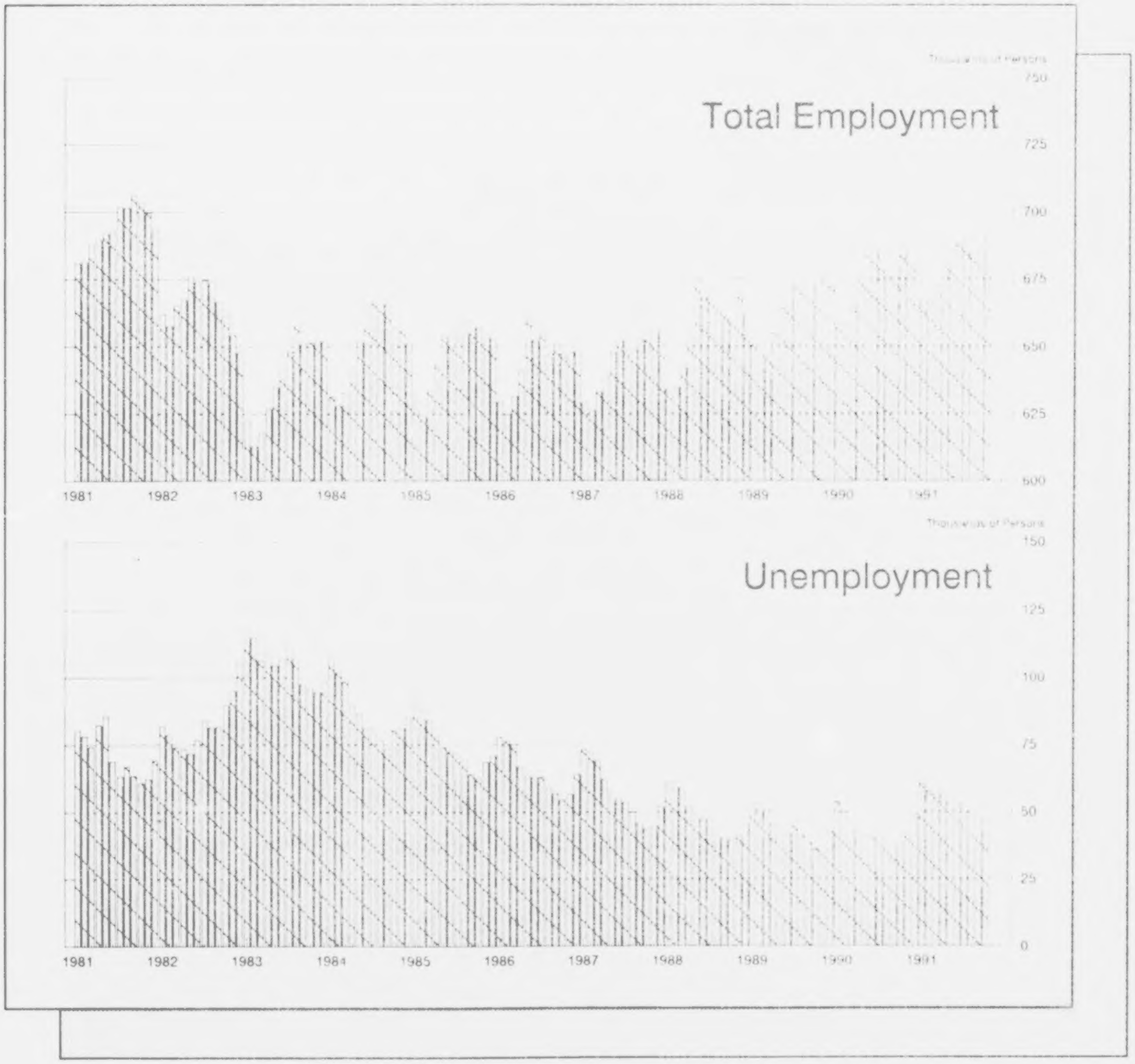

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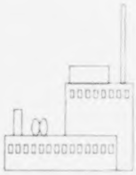
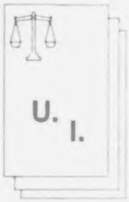
West Virginia Economic Indicators





	Oct. 1991	Sept. 1991	Oct. 1990
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.4	40.7	40.5
Seasonally Adjusted	40.4	40.9	40.5
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,561	2,584	2,669
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$473.49	$481.89	$475.47
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	45.9	47.0	44.5
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$839.51	$876.08	$800.56
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	15,282	13,438	15,575
Seasonally Adjusted	13,957	12,895	14,225
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,103	1,144	1,081
Seasonally Adjusted	1,171	1,141	1,148
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	6,880	5,176	8,093
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,246	1,005	1,216
Seasonally Adjusted	1,316	1,279	1,284
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	2,002	1,444	1,847
Seasonally Adjusted	2,418	2,009	2,231
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	2.7	3.2	2.3
Seasonally Adjusted	3.7	4.5	3.1
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted (WV Series)	7.5	7.6	6.2

NOTE: Data for prior month and year may be revised from previously published figures.

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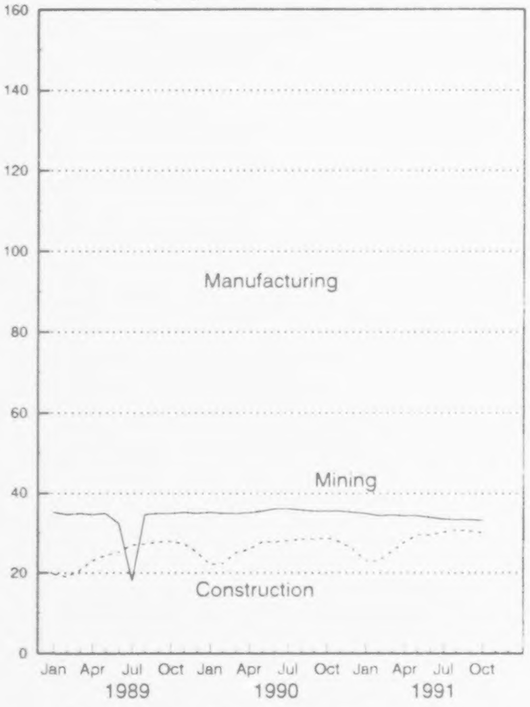
Selected National Data

	Oct. 1991	Sept. 1991	Oct. 1990
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	6.4	6.4	5.4
Seasonally Adjusted	6.8	6.7	5.7
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	137.4	137.2	133.5
1967 Base	411.5	411.1	400.0
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	122.3	121.3	122.3
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	389.1	341.9	356.0
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	2.5	2.6	2.1
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.1	2.6

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



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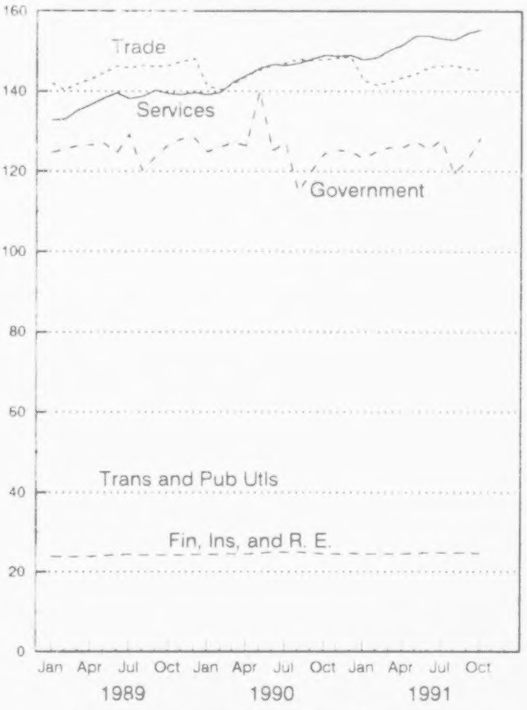

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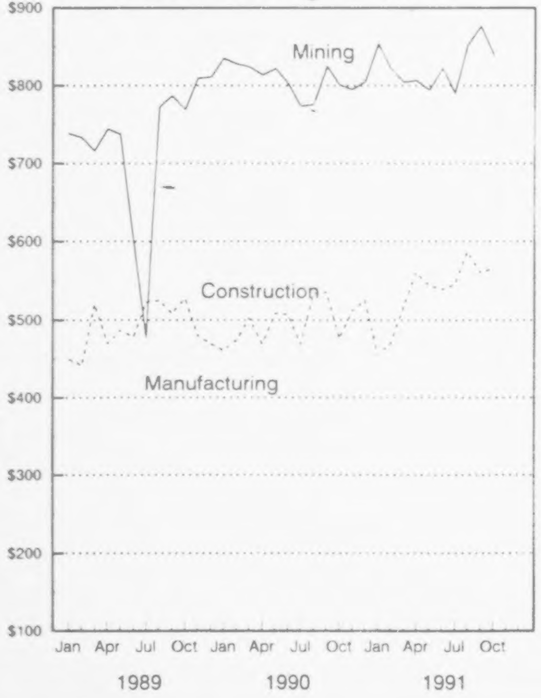

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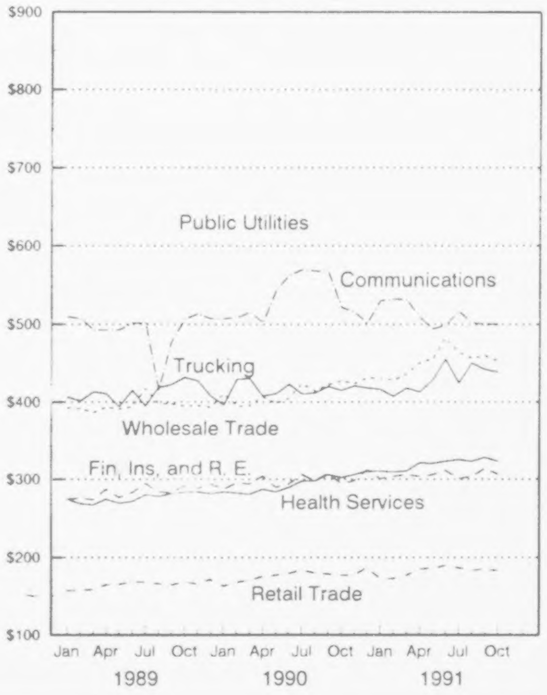

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE IN WEST VIRGINIA

WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Change From: Sep. 1991	Change From: Oct. 1990
Civilian Labor Force	738.3	735.0	726.3	3.3	12.0
Total Employment	691.3	686.5	687.9	4.8	3.4
Total Unemployment	47.0	48.5	38.4	-1.5	8.6
Unemployment Rate	6.4	6.6	5.3	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*					
Civilian Labor Force	781.3	776.9	770.9	4.4	10.4
Total Employment	708.8	702.9	706.0	5.9	2.8
Total Unemployment	72.5	74.0	64.9	-1.5	7.6
Unemployment Rate	9.3	9.5	8.4	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment increased 4,800 between September and October, due largely to seasonal education additions. There were 691,300 state residents who held jobs in October 1991, 3,400 more than a year ago.

Goods-producing industries showed declines between September and October in mining (-100) and construction (-500). Manufacturing showed no net change over the month, as losses in metals and chemicals were offset by employment additions among apparel and paper products companies.

College and university enrollments are at record highs this year, causing gains in student workers that helped generate increases of 3,700 in state government and 1,300 in private sector educational services. Seasonal employment reductions continued in the tourism-sensitive industries of amusements(-400), hotels(-200) and restaurants(-700). Other than restaurants, trade employment looked strong with new store hires boosting the general merchandise category in particular.

Compared with October of last year, nonfarm payroll employment is ahead by 3,900. The shift from a goods-producing to a service-producing economy continues as the goods-producing industries altogether lost 3,600 employees since October of last year while the service-producing industries gained 7,500.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents declined by 1,500 during October, to a level of 47,000 statewide. The rate of unemployment dropped to 6.4 percent for October, down from 6.6 percent in September, and 6.8 in August. These generally seasonal improvements are a welcome development, despite the lingering recessionary effects in comparison with last October's lower rate of 5.3 percent and 8,600 fewer unemployed persons.

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Manufacturing	$473.49	$481.89	$475.47	40.4	40.7	40.5	$11.72	$11.84	$11.74
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	449.16	452.37	426.01	39.4	39.2	39.3	11.40	11.54	10.84
Primary Metals Industries	633.46	644.92	632.78	42.6	43.4	43.7	14.87	14.86	14.48
Fabricated Metal Products	423.00	408.41	416.23	37.6	37.4	37.6	11.25	10.92	11.07
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	503.05	502.66	471.98	41.2	41.0	40.1	12.21	12.26	11.77
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	568.00	584.31	534.66	42.9	43.9	42.0	13.24	13.31	12.73
Chemicals & Allied Products	737.84	741.20	748.19	46.0	45.5	45.4	16.04	16.29	16.48
Coal Mining	839.51	876.08	800.56	45.9	47.0	44.5	18.29	18.64	17.99
Construction	565.78	561.05	476.13	39.1	38.8	35.4	14.47	14.46	13.45

Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

October 1991

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Change From: Sep. 1991	Oct. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	638.0	632.8	634.1	5.2	3.9
PRIVATE SECTOR	509.8	510.0	509.7	-0.2	0.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	147.2	147.8	150.8	-0.6	-3.6
Mining	33.3	33.4	35.5	-0.1	-2.2
Coal Mining	27.9	27.9	29.8	0.0	-1.9
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.4	4.5	4.7	-0.1	-0.3
Other Mining	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	30.1	30.6	28.9	-0.5	1.2
General Building Contractors	6.8	7.1	7.3	-0.3	-0.5
Heavy Construction	9.0	9.2	9.0	-0.2	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	14.3	14.3	12.6	0.0	1.7
Manufacturing	83.8	83.8	86.4	0.0	-2.6
Durable Goods	45.7	45.9	49.0	-0.2	-3.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.9	7.9	7.7	0.0	0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.6	7.7	7.9	-0.1	-0.3
Primary Metals Industries	13.1	13.3	14.7	-0.2	-1.6
Fabricated Metal Products	5.4	5.4	5.5	0.0	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.9	4.9	5.9	0.0	-1.0
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.6	2.5	2.5	0.1	0.1
Transportation Equipment	1.9	1.9	2.4	0.0	-0.5
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	38.1	37.9	37.4	0.2	0.7
Food & Kindred Products	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.5	4.3	4.3	0.2	0.2
Paper & Allied Products	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Printing & Publishing	5.0	5.0	5.2	0.0	-0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	17.4	17.6	17.3	-0.2	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.7	4.4	0.1	0.4
SERVICE-PRODUCING	490.8	485.0	483.3	5.8	7.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.2	37.3	37.5	-0.1	-0.3
Railroad Transportation	3.6	3.7	3.9	-0.1	-0.3
Trucking & Warehousing	9.4	9.4	9.3	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.7	0.0	-0.1
Communications	8.2	8.2	8.2	0.0	0.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.4	12.4	12.4	0.0	0.0
Trade	145.3	145.6	147.8	-0.3	-2.5
Wholesale Trade	30.1	30.0	30.3	0.1	-0.2
Retail Trade	115.2	115.6	117.5	-0.4	-2.3
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.2	5.3	5.0	-0.1	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	16.4	16.1	16.6	0.3	-0.2
Food Stores	22.8	22.7	22.9	0.1	-0.1
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.2	14.4	15.0	-0.2	-0.8
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.0	5.0	6.9	0.0	-1.9
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.3	4.2	4.4	0.1	-0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	35.4	36.1	35.3	-0.7	0.1
Miscellaneous Retail	11.9	11.8	11.4	0.1	0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.7	24.8	24.6	-0.1	0.1
Finance	14.0	14.1	14.0	-0.1	0.0
Insurance	6.4	6.4	6.4	0.0	0.0
Real Estate	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
Services	155.4	154.5	149.0	0.9	6.4
Agricultural Services	2.5	2.6	2.4	-0.1	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	9.3	9.5	8.7	-0.2	0.6
Personal Services	6.3	6.4	6.0	-0.1	0.3
Business Services	14.4	14.4	14.3	0.0	0.1
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.3	6.2	6.3	0.1	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	5.9	6.3	6.1	-0.4	-0.2
Health Services	58.2	58.2	56.1	0.0	2.1
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.9	10.9	10.4	0.0	0.5
Hospitals	29.1	29.1	28.1	0.0	1.0
Other Health Services	18.2	18.2	17.6	0.0	0.6
Legal Services	4.4	4.4	4.1	0.0	0.3
Educational Services	6.6	5.3	6.2	1.3	0.4
Social Services	12.3	12.0	9.9	0.3	2.4
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.6	19.6	0.0	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	8.8	8.8	8.5	0.0	0.3
Other Services	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Government	128.2	122.8	124.4	5.4	3.8
Federal	17.0	17.0	14.7	0.0	2.3
Hospitals	3.2	3.2	2.9	0.0	0.3
U S Postal Service	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	8.7	8.7	6.8	0.0	1.9
State	40.2	36.5	39.2	3.7	1.0
Hospitals	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	-0.1
Education	18.7	14.9	17.9	3.8	0.8
Other State	19.0	19.1	18.7	-0.1	0.3
Local	71.0	69.3	70.5	1.7	0.5
Hospitals	5.1	5.0	4.9	0.1	0.2
Education	44.8	42.9	45.0	1.9	-0.2
Other Local	21.1	21.4	20.6	-0.3	0.5
Labor-Management Dispute Status	1.8	1.7	0.7	XX	XX

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

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	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Change From: Sep. 1991	Oct. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	285.1	280.5	275.3	4.6	9.8
PRIVATE SECTOR	216.8	216.0	210.9	0.8	5.9
GOODS-PRODUCING	24.4	24.5	24.4	-0.1	0.0
Mining	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.3	2.4	2.2	-0.1	0.1
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.5	0.6	0.5	-0.1	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	20.1	20.1	20.2	0.0	-0.1
Durable Goods	7.4	7.6	8.0	-0.2	-0.6
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.2	2.3	2.3	-0.1	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.0	1.1	1.2	-0.1	-0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.0	-0.2
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.0	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	12.7	12.5	12.2	0.2	0.5
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Textile Mill Products	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.8	3.7	3.6	0.1	0.2
Paper & Allied Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.8	1.8	0.1	0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.0	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	260.7	256.0	250.9	4.7	9.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.3	8.3	8.1	0.0	0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Communications	3.9	3.8	3.7	0.1	0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Trade	68.6	68.5	68.6	0.1	0.0
Wholesale Trade	6.1	6.0	5.6	0.1	0.5
Retail Trade	62.5	62.5	63.0	0.0	-0.5
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.5	11.2	11.0	0.3	0.5
Food Stores	12.2	12.1	11.8	0.1	0.4
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.5	3.6	3.4	-0.1	0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.2	4.2	5.7	0.0	-1.5
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.5	1.4	1.4	0.1	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	20.7	21.2	20.4	-0.5	0.3
Miscellaneous Retail	7.9	7.8	8.4	0.1	-0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.3	15.3	15.4	0.0	-0.1
Finance	11.0	11.0	10.8	0.0	0.2
Insurance	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
Real Estate	1.4	1.4	1.7	0.0	-0.3
Services	100.2	99.4	94.4	0.8	5.8
Agricultural Services	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	5.1	5.1	4.6	0.0	0.5
Personal Services	4.2	4.2	3.7	0.0	0.5
Business Services	7.4	7.3	6.8	0.1	0.6
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.1	1.1	-0.1	-0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.7	2.9	2.7	-0.2	0.0
Health Services	47.8	47.9	46.0	-0.1	1.8
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.8	9.8	9.0	0.0	0.8
Hospitals	24.0	24.0	23.3	0.0	0.7
Other Health Services	14.0	14.1	13.7	-0.1	0.3
Legal Services	3.5	3.5	3.2	0.0	0.3
Educational Services	3.5	2.7	3.6	0.8	-0.1
Social Services	9.0	8.7	7.0	0.3	2.0
Membership Organizations	11.3	11.3	11.3	0.0	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.0	0.2
Government	68.3	64.5	64.4	3.8	3.9
Federal	7.3	7.2	6.1	0.1	1.2
Hospitals	1.8	1.7	1.6	0.1	0.2
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	4.1	4.1	3.2	0.0	0.9
State	19.5	17.1	18.2	2.4	1.3
Hospitals	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
Education	10.0	7.9	9.1	2.1	0.9
Other State	7.8	7.5	7.3	0.3	0.5
Local	41.5	40.2	40.1	1.3	1.4
Hospitals	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Education	30.1	28.7	28.9	1.4	1.2
Other Local	7.2	7.3	7.1	-0.1	0.1

County Emphasis

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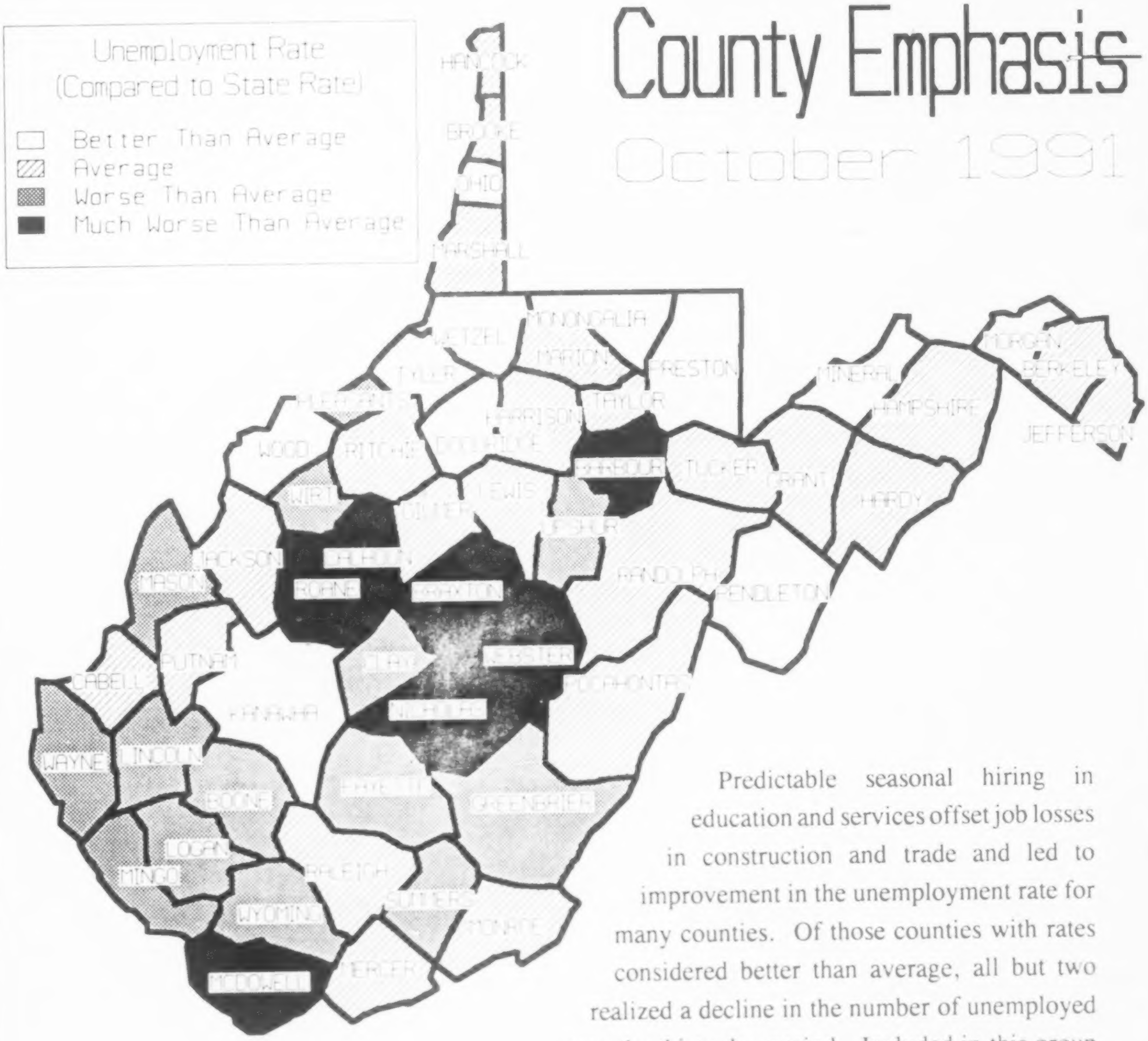
Unemployment Rate
(Compared to State Rate)
☐ Better Than Average
▨ Average
▒ Worse Than Average
■ Much Worse Than Average
HANCOCK
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MONONGALIA
MARION
PRESTON
TYLER
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HARRISON
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LOGAN
MINGO
RALEIGH
SUMMERS
WYOMING
MONROE
MCDOWELL
MERCER

Predictable seasonal hiring in education and services offset job losses in construction and trade and led to improvement in the unemployment rate for many counties. Of those counties with rates considered better than average, all but two realized a decline in the number of unemployed over the thirty day period. Included in this group with rates regarded as better than average are Wood (5.1), Preston (4.7), Kanawha (4.6), Wetzel (4.6), Morgan (4.5), Doddridge (4.4), Mineral (4.2), Ohio (4.0), Tyler (3.5), Monongalia (3.1), and Pendleton (2.8).

While the national economic tempo remains at a lethargic pace, more than half the counties with double-digit unemployment rates displayed gains in the number employed during the month. Most of these county rates are considered much worse than average, however. Within this group are Nicholas (10.6), Roane (11.1), Webster (11.2), Braxton (12.3), McDowell, (13.5), Calhoun (14.0), and Barbour (14.7).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)**

October 1991
(Revised September 1991 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	5,050	(4,860)	4,300	(4,160)	740	(700)	14.7	(14.4)
Berkeley	29,220	(28,920)	27,510	(27,230)	1,710	(1,700)	5.8	(5.9)
Boone	8,240	(8,130)	7,390	(7,390)	850	(750)	10.4	(9.2)
Braxton	5,130	(5,100)	4,490	(4,440)	630	(660)	12.3	(12.9)
Brooke	10,230	(10,200)	9,590	(9,580)	640	(620)	6.2	(6.1)
Cabell	43,670	(43,420)	40,990	(40,720)	2,680	(2,690)	6.1	(6.2)
Calhoun	2,790	(2,710)	2,400	(2,420)	390	(290)	14.0	(10.7)
Clay	2,960	(3,020)	2,670	(2,700)	280	(320)	9.5	(10.7)
Doddridge	2,260	(2,250)	2,170	(2,130)	100	(120)	4.4	(5.4)
Fayette	16,650	(16,330)	15,270	(14,870)	1,380	(1,460)	8.3	(8.9)
Gilmer	3,060	(2,880)	2,840	(2,720)	220	(160)	7.2	(5.7)
Grant	4,810	(4,760)	4,540	(4,420)	280	(340)	5.7	(7.2)
Greenbrier	14,970	(15,000)	13,740	(13,840)	1,230	(1,160)	8.2	(7.7)
Hampshire	7,310	(7,420)	6,870	(6,930)	440	(480)	6.0	(6.5)
Hancock	13,770	(13,710)	12,840	(12,830)	920	(870)	6.7	(6.4)
Hardy	6,070	(6,050)	5,740	(5,800)	330	(240)	5.5	(4.0)
Harrison	28,440	(28,060)	26,530	(26,140)	1,910	(1,930)	6.7	(6.9)
Jackson	9,980	(9,980)	9,360	(9,360)	620	(620)	6.2	(6.2)
Jefferson	20,260	(20,240)	19,060	(18,830)	1,200	(1,420)	5.9	(7.0)
Kanawha	97,390	(97,320)	92,890	(92,680)	4,490	(4,640)	4.6	(4.8)
Lewis	7,240	(7,280)	6,790	(6,810)	460	(470)	6.3	(6.4)
Lincoln	7,480	(7,310)	6,770	(6,660)	710	(650)	9.5	(8.9)
Logan	13,410	(13,420)	12,200	(12,240)	1,210	(1,170)	9.0	(8.7)
McDowell	6,410	(6,540)	5,550	(5,480)	860	(1,060)	13.5	(16.2)
Marion	22,130	(21,930)	20,560	(20,290)	1,570	(1,640)	7.1	(7.5)
Marshall	14,450	(14,490)	13,530	(13,490)	920	(990)	6.4	(6.8)
Mason	9,860	(9,760)	8,980	(8,970)	890	(790)	9.0	(8.1)
Mercer	26,140	(25,640)	24,580	(24,090)	1,560	(1,560)	6.0	(6.1)
Mineral	10,390	(10,350)	9,950	(9,920)	440	(430)	4.2	(4.2)
Mingo	10,840	(10,780)	9,970	(9,950)	870	(840)	8.0	(7.8)
Monongalia	40,710	(39,800)	39,460	(38,500)	1,250	(1,300)	3.1	(3.3)
Monroe	5,220	(5,240)	4,840	(4,880)	380	(360)	7.2	(6.9)
Morgan	5,040	(5,080)	4,810	(4,790)	230	(290)	4.5	(5.7)
Nicholas	8,960	(8,910)	8,010	(7,910)	950	(1,000)	10.6	(11.2)
Ohio	23,900	(23,810)	22,930	(22,860)	970	(940)	4.0	(4.0)
Pendleton	4,000	(4,040)	3,890	(3,910)	110	(130)	2.8	(3.1)
Pleasants	2,080	(2,160)	1,890	(1,940)	190	(220)	9.1	(10.1)
Pocahontas	4,480	(4,580)	4,160	(4,200)	320	(380)	7.1	(8.2)
Preston	12,910	(12,680)	12,290	(11,990)	610	(680)	4.7	(5.4)
Putnam	16,630	(16,630)	15,580	(15,550)	1,050	(1,080)	6.3	(6.5)
Raleigh	27,480	(27,580)	25,460	(25,620)	2,020	(1,960)	7.3	(7.1)
Randolph	11,300	(11,430)	10,470	(10,330)	830	(1,100)	7.4	(9.6)
Ritchie	5,210	(5,270)	4,910	(4,870)	300	(400)	5.7	(7.7)
Roane	4,910	(4,880)	4,360	(4,390)	550	(490)	11.1	(10.0)
Summers	4,190	(4,170)	3,870	(3,910)	320	(260)	7.5	(6.2)
Taylor	5,600	(5,580)	5,200	(5,120)	400	(460)	7.2	(8.2)
Tucker	3,530	(3,620)	3,320	(3,330)	210	(300)	6.0	(8.2)
Tyler	4,670	(4,780)	4,510	(4,540)	170	(230)	3.6	(4.8)
Upshur	8,980	(8,450)	8,270	(7,640)	720	(820)	8.0	(9.7)
Wayne	15,990	(15,870)	14,700	(14,610)	1,280	(1,270)	8.0	(8.0)
Webster	2,960	(2,980)	2,630	(2,600)	330	(390)	11.2	(13.0)
Wetzel	9,230	(9,430)	8,810	(8,880)	420	(550)	4.6	(5.8)
Wirt	2,190	(2,170)	1,970	(1,910)	220	(260)	10.1	(11.9)
Wood	40,850	(41,260)	38,770	(39,030)	2,080	(2,230)	5.1	(5.4)
Wyoming	6,770	(6,750)	6,150	(6,090)	620	(670)	9.1	(9.9)
Statewide	738,300	(735,000)	691,300	(686,500)	47,000	(48,500)	6.4	(6.6)

All data have been revised to March 1990 benchmark.

*The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- Using U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)**

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APPROVED BY THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS
AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	5,560	(5,330)	4,410	(4,260)	1,140	(1,070)	20.5	[illegible]
Berkeley	30,840	(30,460)	28,200	(27,880)	2,630	(2,580)	8.7	[illegible]
Boone	8,890	(8,700)	7,580	(7,560)	1,320	(1,140)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Braxton	5,580	(5,550)	4,610	(4,540)	970	(1,010)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brooke	10,810	(10,760)	9,830	(9,810)	980	(950)	9.1	[illegible]
Cabell	46,160	(45,810)	42,020	(41,700)	4,140	(4,110)	9.0	[illegible]
Calhoun	3,060	(2,920)	2,460	(2,480)	600	(440)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clay	3,180	(3,250)	2,740	(2,760)	440	(490)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Doddridge	2,370	(2,370)	2,220	(2,180)	150	(180)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fayette	17,780	(17,450)	15,650	(15,230)	2,130	(2,230)	12.0	(12.8)
Gilmer	3,250	(3,030)	2,910	(2,780)	340	(250)	10.4	[illegible]
Grant	5,080	(5,050)	4,650	(4,530)	430	(520)	8.4	[illegible]
Greenbrier	15,980	(15,940)	14,090	(14,180)	1,890	(1,760)	11.8	[illegible]
Hampshire	7,720	(7,840)	7,040	(7,100)	680	(740)	8.8	[illegible]
Hancock	14,590	(14,470)	13,170	(13,140)	1,420	(1,330)	9.7	[illegible]
Hardy	6,400	(6,310)	5,890	(5,940)	510	(370)	8.0	[illegible]
Harrison	30,150	(29,700)	27,200	(26,770)	2,950	(2,930)	9.8	[illegible]
Jackson	10,540	(10,530)	9,600	(9,590)	950	(940)	9.0	[illegible]
Jefferson	21,390	(21,440)	19,540	(19,280)	1,850	(2,160)	8.6	[illegible]
Kanawha	102,160	(101,970)	95,240	(94,910)	6,920	(7,060)	6.8	[illegible]
Lewis	7,660	(7,680)	6,960	(6,970)	700	(710)	9.2	[illegible]
Lincoln	8,040	(7,810)	6,940	(6,820)	1,100	(1,000)	13.6	(12.7)
Logan	14,380	(14,320)	12,510	(12,540)	1,870	(1,790)	13.0	[illegible]
McDowell	7,020	(7,230)	5,690	(5,610)	1,330	(1,610)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marion	23,500	(23,280)	21,080	(20,780)	2,420	(2,500)	10.3	[illegible]
Marshall	15,290	(15,330)	13,880	(13,820)	1,420	(1,510)	9.3	(9.9)
Mason	10,570	(10,390)	9,200	(9,190)	1,370	(1,210)	13.0	[illegible]
Mercer	27,600	(27,040)	25,200	(24,660)	2,410	(2,370)	8.7	(8.8)
Mineral	10,880	(10,820)	10,200	(10,160)	680	(660)	6.2	[illegible]
Mingo	11,560	(11,460)	10,220	(10,180)	1,340	(1,280)	11.6	[illegible]
Monongalia	42,380	(41,410)	40,460	(39,420)	1,930	(1,990)	4.6	(4.8)
Monroe	5,540	(5,540)	4,960	(4,990)	580	(550)	10.5	[illegible]
Morgan	5,290	(5,350)	4,940	(4,900)	350	(440)	6.7	(8.2)
Nicholas	9,670	(9,620)	8,210	(8,100)	1,460	(1,520)	15.1	(15.8)
Ohio	25,000	(24,850)	23,510	(23,410)	1,490	(1,440)	6.0	(5.8)
Pendleton	4,160	(4,200)	3,990	(4,000)	170	(190)	4.2	(4.5)
Pleasants	2,230	(2,330)	1,940	(1,990)	290	(330)	13.1	(14.2)
Pocahontas	4,760	(4,880)	4,270	(4,300)	490	(580)	10.3	(11.9)
Preston	13,550	(13,320)	12,600	(12,280)	940	(1,040)	7.0	(7.8)
Putnam	17,590	(17,560)	15,980	(15,920)	1,610	(1,640)	9.2	(9.3)
Raleigh	29,210	(29,220)	26,100	(26,230)	3,110	(2,980)	10.6	(10.2)
Randolph	12,020	(12,260)	10,730	(10,580)	1,280	(1,680)	10.7	[illegible]
Ritchie	5,490	(5,600)	5,040	(4,980)	460	(620)	8.3	(11.0)
Roane	5,310	(5,240)	4,470	(4,490)	840	(750)	15.8	(14.3)
Summers	4,460	(4,410)	3,970	(4,010)	490	(400)	10.9	(9.1)
Taylor	5,950	(5,950)	5,330	(5,250)	620	(700)	10.4	(11.8)
Tucker	3,730	(3,860)	3,400	(3,410)	330	(450)	8.7	(11.7)
Tyler	4,870	(5,010)	4,620	(4,650)	260	(360)	5.2	(7.1)
Upshur	9,580	(9,060)	8,470	(7,820)	1,110	(1,240)	11.6	(13.7)
Wayne	17,050	(16,890)	15,080	(14,960)	1,980	(1,930)	11.6	(11.4)
Webster	3,200	(3,250)	2,690	(2,660)	510	(590)	15.9	(18.2)
Wetzel	9,680	(9,940)	9,030	(9,100)	650	(840)	6.7	(8.5)
Wirt	2,360	(2,350)	2,020	(1,960)	340	(390)	14.4	(16.7)
Wood	42,950	(43,360)	39,750	(39,960)	3,200	(3,400)	7.5	(7.8)
Wyoming	7,260	(7,250)	6,310	(6,230)	950	(1,020)	13.1	(14.0)
Statewide	781,300	(776,900)	708,800	(702,900)	72,500	(74,000)	9.3	(9.5)

All data have been revised to March 1990 benchmark.

*Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	114.0	113.9	113.4
Employment	108.5	108.2	108.7
Unemployment	5.5	5.7	4.7
Rate (%)	4.9	5.0	4.1
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	128.3	127.6	126.5
Employment	121.1	120.4	121.1
Unemployment	7.2	7.2	5.5
Rate (%)	5.6	5.6	4.3
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	69.7	70.3	69.2
Employment	66.7	67.1	66.4
Unemployment	3.1	3.1	2.8
Rate (%)	4.4	4.5	4.0
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	68.4	68.2	67.8
Employment	65.5	65.4	65.8
Unemployment	2.9	2.9	2.0
Rate (%)	4.2	4.2	2.9
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	36.3	35.9	35.9
Employment	33.9	33.4	33.8
Unemployment	2.4	2.5	2.1
Rate (%)	6.6	7.0	5.9
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.9	11.9	11.8
Employment	10.6	10.5	10.6
Unemployment	1.3	1.4	1.2
Rate (%)	10.7	11.6	10.2
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	53.6	52.5	51.2
Employment	51.8	50.5	49.6
Unemployment	1.9	2.0	1.6
Rate (%)	3.5	3.8	3.2
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	13.9	14.2	14.1
Employment	13.3	13.4	13.4
Unemployment	0.6	0.8	0.7
Rate (%)	4.2	5.5	4.8
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.2	20.2	20.0
Employment	18.6	18.7	18.9
Unemployment	1.6	1.5	1.1
Rate (%)	7.9	7.5	5.7

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	119.7	119.5	119.4
Employment	111.2	110.8	111.6
Unemployment	8.5	8.7	7.9
Rate (%)	7.1	7.3	6.6
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	133.3	133.7	132.1
Employment	121.3	120.7	122.9
Unemployment	11.9	13.0	9.2
Rate (%)	9.0	9.7	7.0
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	72.9	73.4	72.9
Employment	68.1	68.4	68.1
Unemployment	4.7	5.0	4.8
Rate (%)	6.5	6.8	6.6
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	71.4	71.2	70.9
Employment	66.9	66.6	67.4
Unemployment	4.4	4.6	3.5
Rate (%)	6.2	6.4	4.9
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	38.5	38.0	38.2
Employment	34.8	34.2	34.6
Unemployment	3.7	3.8	3.6
Rate (%)	9.7	10.0	9.4
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.9	12.9	12.9
Employment	10.9	10.8	10.9
Unemployment	2.0	2.1	2.0
Rate (%)	15.3	16.4	15.7
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	55.9	54.7	53.7
Employment	53.1	51.7	50.9
Unemployment	2.9	3.0	2.8
Rate (%)	5.1	5.5	5.2
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.6	14.9	14.9
Employment	13.7	13.7	13.7
Unemployment	0.9	1.2	1.1
Rate (%)	6.2	8.0	7.6
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.5	21.5	21.3
Employment	19.0	19.2	19.4
Unemployment	2.5	2.3	1.9
Rate (%)	11.5	10.8	9.0

CHARLESTON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased only slightly (+200) during October 1991 in the Charleston MSA. The local goods-producing sector remained unchanged, while service-producing industries only advanced by 200 jobs. Notably, retail trade fell by 100 during October. Total government increased by 300, reflecting a seasonal rise in student workers at local colleges and universities. Comparison with year-ago October 1990 total nonfarm payroll employment reveals an increase of 300 jobs. However, the current total figure of 93,600 is essentially unchanged over the year due to 400 workers who were not included in the year-ago total because of an on-going labor-management dispute in manufacturing. The decline in local retail trade (-500) is particularly unsettling, reflecting the lack of consumer confidence in the economy, both locally and nationally. However, services did advance by 800 over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Resident-based total unemployment declined slightly (-200) during October 1991. The MSA unemployment rate posted a corresponding decrease to 4.9 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data indicates unemployment up measurably by 800 persons, with the unemployment rate up over the 4.1 percent from a year ago.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Labor Force	114.0	113.9	113.4
Employment	108.5	108.2	108.7
Unemployment	5.5	5.7	4.7
Rate (%)	4.9	5.0	4.1

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Labor Force	119.7	119.5	119.4
Employment	111.2	110.8	111.6
Unemployment	8.5	8.7	7.9
Rate (%)	7.1	7.3	6.6

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Change From: Sep. 1991	Change From: Oct. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	113.3	113.1	112.9	0.2	0.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	93.6	93.7	93.0	-0.1	0.6
GOODS-PRODUCING	18.3	18.3	18.0	0.0	0.3
Mining	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	0.1
Construction	5.3	5.2	5.3	0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	10.8	10.9	10.6	-0.1	0.2
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	9.0	9.1	8.8	-0.1	0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.6	7.7	7.4	-0.1	0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	95.0	94.8	94.9	0.2	0.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	9.2	9.2	9.2	0.0	0.0
Trade	29.2	29.3	29.7	-0.1	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	7.2	7.2	7.2	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	22.0	22.1	22.5	-0.1	-0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.5	6.5	6.5	0.0	0.0
Services	30.4	30.4	29.6	0.0	0.8
Health Services	11.3	11.2	10.6	0.1	0.7
Government	19.7	19.4	19.9	0.3	-0.2
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
State	9.3	9.1	9.4	0.2	-0.1
Local	8.5	8.4	8.7	0.1	-0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.4	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Manufacturing	$614.25	$615.92	$617.79	45.5	43.9	44.8	$13.50	$14.03	$13.79
Nondurable Goods	667.85	675.28	666.47	47.5	46.0	45.9	14.06	14.68	14.52
Chemicals & Allied Products	752.98	759.02	758.74	50.4	48.1	47.6	14.94	15.78	15.94

HUNTINGTON-ASHLAND-IRONTON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, WV; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, KY; Lawrence, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 800 during October 1991 in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA. The largest increase occurred in state government, which advanced by 600 across the month. The reason for this increase was seasonal as student workers and part time faculty at Marshall University returned for the new school year. Local government accounted for the other increase of 200 over the month. The goods-producing sector remained unchanged in October with relatively little activity.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Unemployment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA was unchanged from the September level of 7,200 persons. Unemployment was up 1,700 over the year from October 1990 level of 5,500. The unemployment rate was unchanged during October 1991. Comparison with year-ago October 1990, reveals an increase in the unemployment rate from 4.3 percent ot the current level of 5.6 percent of the civilian labor force.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Labor Force	128.3	127.6	126.5
Employment	121.1	120.4	121.1
Unemployment	7.2	7.2	5.5
Rate (%)	5.6	5.6	4.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Labor Force	133.3	133.7	132.1
Employment	121.3	120.7	122.9
Unemployment	11.9	13.0	9.2
Rate (%)	9.0	9.7	7.0

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Change From: Sep. 1991	Change From: Oct. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	112.0	111.2	112.0	0.8	0.0
PRIVATE SECTOR	92.4	92.4	92.6	0.0	-0.2
GOODS-PRODUCING	26.4	26.4	27.0	0.0	-0.6
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.1
Construction	5.3	5.4	5.0	-0.1	0.3
Manufacturing	19.5	19.4	20.5	0.1	-1.0
Durable Goods	11.5	11.4	12.2	0.1	-0.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.5	1.6	0.1	0.0
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.4	7.4	7.9	0.0	-0.5
Other Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.7	0.0	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	8.0	8.0	8.3	0.0	-0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.1	4.1	4.3	0.0	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	85.6	84.8	85.0	0.8	0.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.6	7.6	8.1	0.0	-0.5
Trade	28.5	28.6	28.4	-0.1	0.1
Wholesale Trade	5.3	5.3	5.7	0.0	-0.4
Retail Trade	23.2	23.3	22.7	-0.1	0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0
Services	26.0	25.9	25.2	0.1	0.8
Health Services	10.8	10.8	10.6	0.0	0.2
Government	19.6	18.8	19.4	0.8	0.2
Federal	3.0	3.0	2.8	0.0	0.2
State	5.1	4.5	5.1	0.6	0.0
Local	11.5	11.3	11.5	0.2	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct.'91	Sep.'91	Oct.'90	Oct.'91	Sep.'91	Oct.'90	Oct.'91	Sep.'91	Oct.'90
Manufacturing	$551.42	$559.94	$581.26	39.5	40.4	41.4	$13.96	$13.86	$14.04
Durable Goods	602.12	593.87	640.90	41.1	40.9	42.5	14.65	14.52	15.08
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	532.98	505.10	511.14	42.0	40.8	42.0	12.69	12.38	12.17
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	674.40	676.09	731.02	40.7	41.2	42.7	16.57	16.41	17.12
Nondurable Goods	475.79	507.28	491.93	37.2	39.6	39.8	12.79	12.81	12.36

PARKERSBURG-MARIETTA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment decreased 400 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA during October 1991. Goods-producing jobs declined 200 with losses posted equally in construction (-100) and manufacturing (-100). Likewise, 200 service-producing jobs disappeared within this time period. A mild contraction registered in transportation and public utilities (-100), finance, insurance, and real estate (-100), and services (-100) overshadowed a slight gain in government (+100). Comparing total nonfarm payroll employment to October 1990 indicates a moderate gain of 200. However, goods-producing businesses experienced a loss of 600 jobs. A decrease was posted in construction (-100), and manufacturing (-500). Service-producing employment expanded by 800. Improvements were noted in trade (+300), services (+300), and government (+200).

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA remained unchanged during October 1991. The unemployment rate dropped to 4.4 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to October 1990, the unemployment rate rose from 4.0 to 4.4 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Labor Force	69.7	70.3	69.2
Employment	66.7	67.1	66.4
Unemployment	3.1	3.1	2.8
Rate (%)	4.4	4.5	4.0

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Labor Force	72.9	73.4	72.9
Employment	68.1	68.4	68.1
Unemployment	4.7	5.0	4.8
Rate (%)	6.5	6.8	6.6

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Change From: Sep. 1991	Change From: Oct. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	62.4	62.8	62.2	-0.4	0.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	52.6	53.1	52.6	-0.5	0.0
GOODS-PRODUCING	17.4	17.6	18.0	-0.2	-0.6
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.9	3.0	3.0	-0.1	-0.1
Manufacturing	14.0	14.1	14.5	-0.1	-0.5
Durable Goods	6.9	6.9	7.2	0.0	-0.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.8	2.8	3.0	0.0	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	7.1	7.2	7.3	-0.1	-0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.3	5.4	5.5	-0.1	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	45.0	45.2	44.2	-0.2	0.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.4	2.5	2.4	-0.1	0.0
Trade	15.3	15.3	15.0	0.0	0.3
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.0	2.8	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	12.3	12.3	12.2	0.0	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.3	2.2	-0.1	0.0
Services	15.3	15.4	15.0	-0.1	0.3
Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.5	0.0	0.2
Government	9.8	9.7	9.6	0.1	0.2
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.0	0.2
State	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.1	0.0
Local	6.7	6.7	6.7	0.0	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Manufacturing	571.61	587.70	$569.50	40.8	41.3	41.6	$14.01	$14.23	$13.69
Durable Goods	455.04	482.30	476.63	37.7	38.4	39.1	12.07	12.56	12.19
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	536.31	590.97	506.74	42.7	42.7	43.2	12.56	13.84	11.73
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	466.31	439.74	508.64	35.3	33.8	37.4	13.21	13.01	13.60
Nondurable Goods	712.45	714.11	680.15	44.5	44.8	44.6	16.01	15.94	15.25

WHEELING-BRIDGEPORT METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment posted a slight increase (+200) during October 1991 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA. The goods-producing sector remained stable during the month. Mining reflected a decrease (-100), while manufacturing increased by 100 and construction remained stable. The service-producing sector experienced an increase for October (+200). This increase was due in large part to an increase in government (+400) as reflected in the state (+200) and local (+200) sectors. Services also had an increase for the month (+100). Finance, insurance and real estate showed no change, while transportation and public utilities (-100) and trade (-200) declined. Comparison with year-ago October 1990 data reveals that total nonfarm payroll employment experienced a slight decrease (-200). The goods-producing sector reflected a large decrease (-400). This was in part offset by an increase in the service-producing sector (+200). Mining (-100), construction (-200), and manufacturing (-100) all experienced decreases. Services (+400), finance and insurance and real estate (+100) and government (+100) advanced over the year, while transportation and public utilities (-200) and trade (-200) declined.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment did not change for month of October. The MSA unemployment rate also remained unchanged at 4.2 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago October 1990 reveals that unemployment increased by 900, while the unemployment rate rose from 2.9 percent to the current 4.2 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Labor Force	68.4	68.2	67.8
Employment	65.5	65.4	65.8
Unemployment	2.9	2.9	2.0
Rate (%)	4.2	4.2	2.9

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Labor Force	71.4	71.2	70.9
Employment	66.9	66.6	67.4
Unemployment	4.4	4.6	3.5
Rate (%)	6.2	6.4	4.9

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Change From: Sep. 1991	Change From: Oct. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	60.6	60.4	60.8	0.2	-0.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	51.3	51.5	51.6	-0.2	-0.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	11.5	11.5	11.9	0.0	-0.4
Mining	2.2	2.3	2.3	-0.1	-0.1
Construction	2.0	2.0	2.2	0.0	-0.2
Manufacturing	7.3	7.2	7.4	0.1	-0.1
Durable Goods	2.9	2.8	3.0	0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	49.1	48.9	48.9	0.2	0.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.2	3.3	3.4	-0.1	-0.2
Trade	16.0	16.2	16.2	-0.2	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	13.2	13.4	13.4	-0.2	-0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.0	0.1
Services	17.5	17.4	17.1	0.1	0.4
Health Services	7.8	7.8	7.6	0.0	0.2
Government	9.3	8.9	9.2	0.4	0.1
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.8	1.6	1.8	0.2	0.0
Local	6.8	6.6	6.7	0.2	0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Manufacturing	$661.16	$709.97	$595.78	46.3	47.3	42.8	$14.28	$15.01	$13.92
Nondurable Goods	650.80	660.33	672.54	43.3	43.3	43.7	15.03	15.25	15.39
Durable Goods	673.30	771.95	508.71	49.8	52.3	41.8	13.52	14.76	12.17

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date 2/	NONFARM JOB OPENINGS					Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
		Active File	Received Program Year to Date 2/	UNFILLED Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total		
TOTAL 3/	121,988	67,256	17,701	2,501	1,411	13,714	6.9	26.9
Professional, Technical & Managerial	12,620	7,377	473	153	68	192	26.7	48.2
Clerical & Sales	32,578	17,393	3,103	810	434	1,982	10.5	21.5
Services	14,354	7,584	2,398	423	193	1,541	6.0	17.9
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	987	484	46	10	5	28	21.5	48.4
Processing	6,238	3,850	420	107	94	388	14.9	36.0
Machine Trades	8,259	4,926	447	81	44	301	18.5	60.8
Benchwork	5,178	3,119	222	94	40	126	23.3	33.2
Structural Work	19,935	11,612	936	243	174	547	21.3	47.8
Miscellaneous	25,857	12,523	9,656	580	359	8,609	2.7	21.6
Transportation	5,560	3,237	377	95	45	185	14.7	34.1
Packaging & Materials Handling	15,156	5,897	8,963	380	296	8,257	1.7	15.5
Other 4/	5,141	3,389	316	105	18	167	16.3	32.3
Entry Total 5/	18	2	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

1/ Source of Data: SAMS (State Employment Security Automated Management System); Table A96 containing fully registered applicants.

2/ Period Covered: July 1, 1991 through September 30, 1991. Program Year 1991 defined as July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992.

3/ Total excludes invalid occupational data.

4/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, and graphic art work.

5/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

State UI Program Activity	Oct. 1991	Sept. 1991	Oct. 1990	Percent Change to Oct. 1991 from: Sept. 1991	Oct. 1990
Total Initial Claims 1/	9,209	6,065	8,494	51.8	8.4
Total Continued Weeks	77,931	78,693	60,769	-1.0	28.2
Total Benefits Paid	$10,204,931	$10,746,812	$7,350,434	-5.0	38.8
Total Weeks Compensated	64,811	67,627	50,919	-4.2	27.3
Average Weekly Payment	$157.46	$158.91	$144.36	-0.9	9.1
Monthly Insured Unemployment Rate 2/	2.7	3.2	2.3	xx	xx
UC Fund Balance, End of Month	$150,174,165	$127,747,961	$155,076,011	17.6	-3.2

1/ Excluding transitional claims.

2/ Seasonally unadjusted.

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Huntington	914 Fifth Avenue	528-5525
Logan	195 Dingess Street	792-7010
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Summersville	806 Broad Street	872-2950
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*Starting this month, the **Economic Summary** will be dated with the month of issue rather than the data month. Please note this change. Also, look for new information on hours and wages and bureau divisional statistics.*

Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force in West Virginia

				Change from:	
WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	*Prelim. Nov. '91*	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*	*Oct. 1991*	*Nov. 1990*
Civilian Labor Force	735.9	735.1	726.8	0.8	9.1
Total Employment	686.2	688.0	685.0	-1.8	1.2
Total Unemployment	49.8	47.0	41.7	2.8	8.1
Unemployment Rate	6.8	6.4	5.7	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*					
Civilian Labor Force	783.5	779.2	770.4	4.3	13.1
Total Employment	703.4	706.8	701.7	-3.4	1.7
Total Unemployment	80.2	72.5	68.8	7.7	11.4
Unemployment Rate	10.2	9.3	8.9	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment in West Virginia contracted by 1,800 between October and November. There were 686,200 state residents who held jobs in November 1991, 1,200 more than a year ago. Employment growth has become sluggish compared with the recent trend of year-over-year improvements, reflecting the impact of the national recession.

The count of nonfarm payroll jobs stood at 635,400 in mid-November, 500 more than a month earlier. A loss of 1,500 for the goods-producing industries was entirely the result of a seasonal decline in construction. Within durable goods manufacturing, primary metals expanded by 300 because of a recall after an equipment repair, and the electronic equipment industry added 100 as well. This advance was countered by losses of 300 elsewhere in durable goods, however, and with no change for any of the nondurable goods sectors, manufacturing overall was recorded at +100. Mining slid a negligible 100. Trade experienced seasonal gains of 1,300 among general merchandise stores and 400 in apparel and accessory businesses. Government continued to expand, largely as a result of ongoing State education increases in student workers. The usual autumn downturn in travel and recreation spending caused an employment decline of 500 in restaurants within trade, and losses of 300 in hotels and 400 in amusements within services.

Compared with November of last year, nonfarm payroll employment is ahead by 3,400. The strength lies among the service-producing industries, particularly health services, social services, and public higher education services. The mining and durable goods manufacturing sectors have endured declines over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents increased by 2,800 during November, to a level of 49,800 statewide. The rate of unemployment rose to 6.8 percent for November, up from 6.4 percent in October. A seasonal increase is common for this time of year. The lower rate of 5.7 in November of last year indicates that the effects of the national recession are still being felt in West Virginia.

West Virginia Economic Indicators

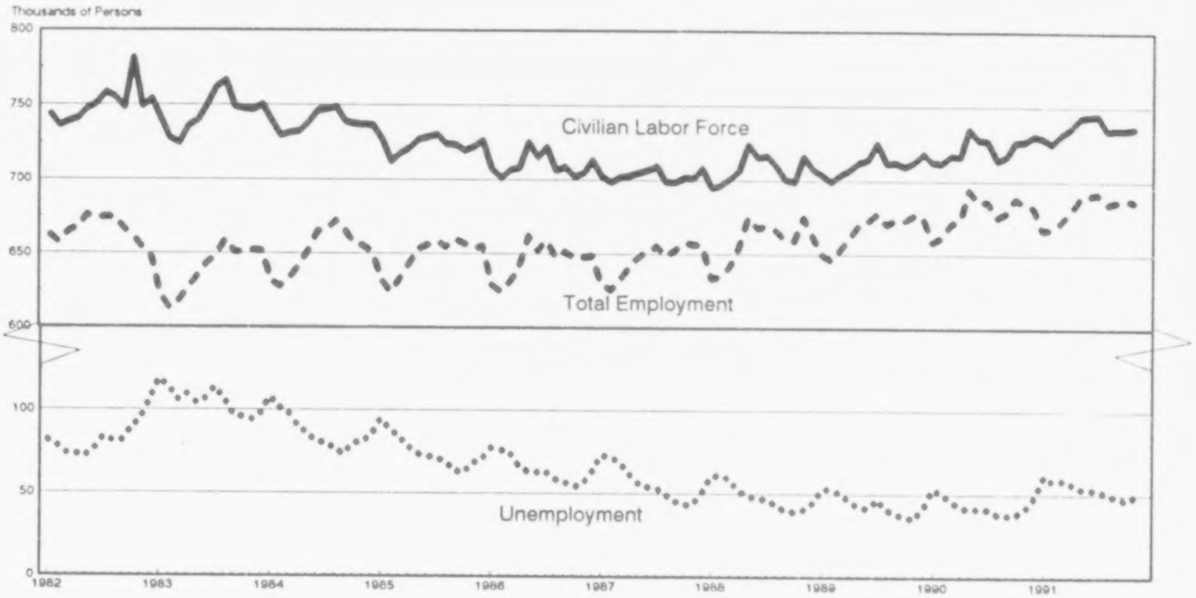
	Nov. 1991	*Oct. 1991*	*Nov. 1990*
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	41.2	40.4	41.0
Seasonally Adjusted	41.1	40.4	40.8
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,596	2,551	2,643
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$496.46	$475.10	$477.24
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	46.3	46.2	43.8
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$885.26	$841.76	$794.97
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	13,961	15,282	13,678
Seasonally Adjusted	14,175	13,957	13,888
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,140	1,103	1,099
Seasonally Adjusted	1,226	1,171	1,182
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	7,492	6,880	4,849
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	[illegible]	1,246	1,281
Seasonally Adjusted	[illegible]	1,316	1,222
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	2,121	2,002	2,220
Seasonally Adjusted	2,219	2,418	2,323
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	3.3	2.7	2.5
Seasonally Adjusted	4.1	3.7	3.0
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted	7.5	7.6	6.4

NOTE: Data for prior month and year may be revised from previously published figures.

Selected National Data

	Nov. 1991	*Oct. 1991*	*Nov. 1990*
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	6.6	6.4	5.8
Seasonally Unadjusted	6.8	6.8	5.9
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	137.8	137.4	133.8
1967 Base	412.7	411.5	400.7
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	122.3	122.3	122.9
Inital Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	416.9	389.1	430.2
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	2.9	2.5	2.3
Seasonally Adjusted	3.3	3.1	2.7

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market



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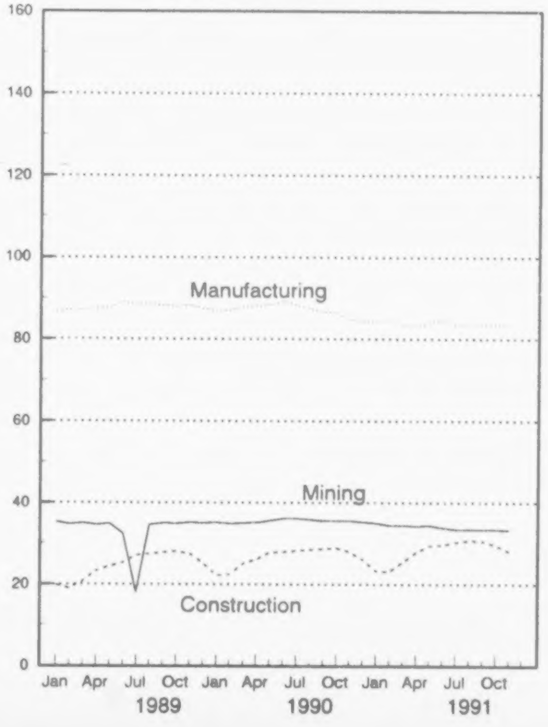
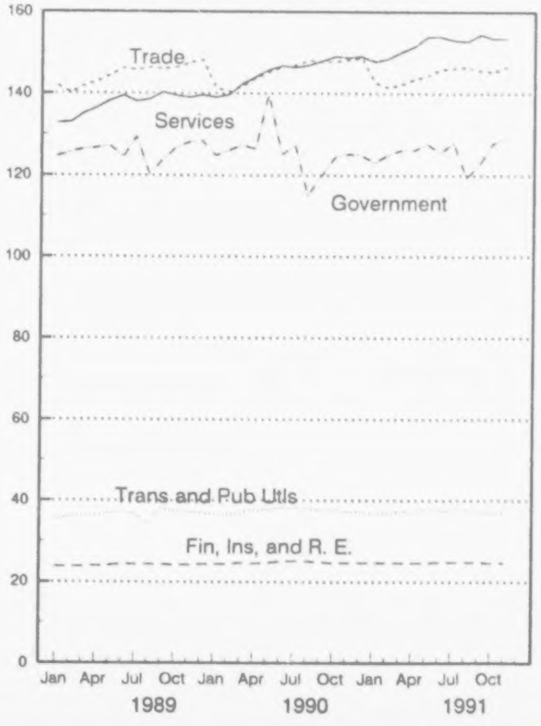


Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Service Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands

Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov.'91	Revised Oct.'91	Revised Nov.'90	Change From: Oct. 1991	Change From: Nov. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	635.4	634.9	632.0	0.5	3.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	506.5	507.1	506.8	-0.6	-0.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	144.9	146.4	148.0	-1.5	-3.1
Mining	33.3	33.4	35.5	-0.1	-2.2
Coal Mining	27.8	27.9	29.7	-0.1	-1.9
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.5	4.5	4.8	0.0	-0.3
Other Mining	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	28.1	29.6	27.9	-1.5	0.2
General Building Contractors	6.6	7.1	7.2	-0.5	-0.6
Heavy Construction	8.2	8.9	8.4	-0.7	-0.2
Special Trade Contractors	13.3	13.6	12.3	-0.3	1.0
Manufacturing	83.5	83.4	84.6	0.1	-1.1
Durable Goods	45.6	45.5	47.2	0.1	-1.6
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.9	7.9	7.7	0.0	0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.4	7.5	7.7	-0.1	-0.3
Primary Metals Industries	13.4	13.1	13.2	0.3	0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	5.3	5.4	5.5	-0.1	-0.2
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.9	4.9	5.7	0.0	-0.8
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.6	2.5	2.4	0.1	0.2
Transportation Equipment	1.9	1.9	2.6	0.0	-0.7
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.3	2.4	-0.1	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	37.9	37.9	37.4	0.0	0.5
Food & Kindred Products	4.2	4.2	4.3	0.0	-0.1
Textile Mill Products	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	0.1
Printing & Publishing	5.0	5.0	5.1	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	17.4	17.4	17.3	0.0	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.8	4.5	0.0	0.3
SERVICE-PRODUCING	490.5	488.5	484.0	2.0	6.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.1	37.2	37.2	-0.1	-0.1
Railroad Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.8	0.0	-0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	9.4	9.4	9.3	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.0
Communications	8.2	8.2	8.1	0.0	0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.3	12.4	12.4	-0.1	-0.1
Trade	146.4	145.4	148.2	1.0	-1.8
Wholesale Trade	30.0	30.1	30.2	-0.1	-0.2
Retail Trade	116.4	115.3	118.0	1.1	-1.6
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.1	5.2	4.9	-0.1	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	17.7	16.4	17.7	1.3	0.0
Food Stores	22.8	22.8	23.2	0.0	-0.4
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.2	14.3	14.9	-0.1	-0.7
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.4	5.0	6.2	0.4	-0.8
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.2	4.2	4.5	0.0	-0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	35.0	35.5	35.0	-0.5	0.0
Miscellaneous Retail	12.0	11.9	11.6	0.1	0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.7	24.7	24.6	0.0	0.1
Finance	14.0	14.0	14.0	0.0	0.0
Insurance	6.4	6.4	6.4	0.0	0.0
Real Estate	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
Services	153.4	153.4	148.8	0.0	4.6
Agricultural Services	2.7	2.5	2.5	0.2	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.4	8.7	8.4	-0.3	0.0
Personal Services	6.3	6.3	6.1	0.0	0.2
Business Services	14.2	14.3	14.4	-0.1	-0.2
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.0	6.0	6.2	0.0	-0.2
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	5.5	5.9	5.4	-0.4	0.1
Health Services	58.2	58.1	56.4	0.1	1.8
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.7	10.7	10.5	0.0	0.2
Hospitals	29.2	29.1	28.2	0.1	1.0
Other Health Services	18.3	18.3	17.7	0.0	0.6
Legal Services	4.3	4.3	4.1	0.0	0.2
Educational Services	6.4	6.3	6.5	0.1	-0.1
Social Services	12.6	12.1	9.9	0.5	2.7
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.6	19.6	0.0	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	8.4	8.5	8.5	-0.1	-0.1
Government	128.9	127.8	125.2	1.1	3.7
Federal	17.0	17.0	14.7	0.0	2.3
Hospitals	3.2	3.2	2.9	0.0	0.3
U S Postal Service	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	8.7	8.7	6.8	0.0	1.9
State	41.1	40.1	39.6	1.0	1.5
Hospitals	2.4	2.5	2.6	-0.1	-0.2
Education	19.7	18.6	18.5	1.1	1.2
Other State	19.0	19.0	18.5	0.0	0.5
Local	70.8	70.7	70.9	0.1	-0.1
Hospitals	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0
Education	45.2	44.9	45.4	0.3	-0.2
Other Local	20.6	20.8	20.5	-0.2	0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	1.9	1.8	2.2	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia
Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			*Average Weekly Hours*			*Average Hourly Earnings*		
	Nov. '91	*Oct. '91*	*Nov. '90*	*Nov. '91*	*Oct. '91*	*Nov. '90*	*Nov. '91*	*Oct. '91*	*Nov. '90*
PRIVATE SECTOR	$364.19	$361.58	$352.44	35.6	35.8	36.0	$10.23	$10.10	$9.79
Coal Mining	885.26	841.76	794.97	46.3	46.2	43.8	19.12	18.22	18.15
Oil & Gas Extraction	475.94	471.95	418.37	42.8	43.1	43.9	11.12	10.95	9.53
Construction	518.40	558.05	511.48	36.1	38.7	38.0	14.36	14.42	13.46
Manufacturing	496.46	475.10	477.24	41.2	40.4	41.0	12.05	11.76	11.6
Durable Goods	502.15	478.63	480.05	41.5	40.7	41.1	12.10	11.76	11.68
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	313.03	304.03	297.02	40.6	40.7	40.8	7.71	7.47	7.28
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	482.16	450.70	462.79	41.0	39.5	41.1	11.76	11.41	11.26
Primary Metals Industries	647.28	633.24	665.28	42.5	42.7	44.0	15.23	14.83	15.12
Fabricated Metal Products	471.58	425.24	402.70	40.1	37.9	37.6	11.76	11.22	10.71
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	523.33	500.60	454.31	41.6	41.1	39.3	12.58	12.18	11.56
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	582.80	559.21	507.67	44.9	42.3	40.1	12.98	13.22	12.66
Transportation Equipment	530.40	493.11	512.21	44.2	42.4	40.3	12.00	11.63	12.71
Nondurable Goods	489.19	470.40	472.46	40.8	40.0	40.8	11.99	11.76	11.58
Food & Kindred Products	385.45	372.24	373.82	38.7	38.1	39.6	9.96	9.77	9.44
Textile Mill Products	272.31	225.69	234.10	38.3	32.9	37.1	7.11	6.86	6.31
Apparel & Other Textile Products	215.76	200.79	202.53	37.2	34.5	35.1	5.80	5.82	5.77
Paper & Allied Products	349.02	321.17	384.50	41.6	39.7	43.3	8.39	8.09	8.88
Printing & Publishing	352.61	346.89	386.71	37.0	37.1	39.3	9.53	9.35	9.84
Chemicals & Allied Products	766.54	733.70	700.21	45.6	45.6	43.9	16.81	16.09	15.95
Trucking & Warehousing	428.02	439.72	421.28	44.4	45.9	42.9	9.64	9.58	9.82
Communications	499.14	496.65	515.22	37.9	38.5	39.3	13.17	12.90	13.11
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	667.73	653.98	632.16	43.5	42.8	42.8	15.35	15.28	14.77
Trade	237.43	236.38	225.14	31.7	31.9	31.8	7.49	7.41	7.08
Wholesale Trade	462.03	452.64	424.20	40.6	41.0	40.4	11.38	11.04	10.50
Retail Trade	183.22	183.55	177.01	29.6	29.7	29.7	6.19	6.18	5.96
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	255.42	264.32	259.52	38.7	39.1	39.5	6.60	6.76	6.57
General Merchandise Stores	198.47	199.56	192.07	30.3	30.1	30.2	6.55	6.63	6.36
Food Stores	183.95	184.11	178.02	28.3	28.5	28.9	6.50	6.46	6.16
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	268.58	268.56	277.84	36.1	36.0	36.8	7.44	7.46	7.55
Apparel & Accessory Stores	146.92	142.26	139.00	28.2	27.2	27.8	5.21	5.23	5.00
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	291.69	288.46	271.61	36.1	35.7	34.6	8.08	8.08	7.85
Eating & Drinking Places	121.64	125.19	116.74	25.5	26.3	26.0	4.77	4.76	4.49
Miscellaneous Retail	195.23	187.03	168.49	30.6	29.5	28.9	6.38	6.34	5.83
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	310.23	304.20	297.93	36.2	36.0	36.2	8.57	8.45	8.23
Finance	257.04	253.47	240.04	35.7	35.5	35.3	7.20	7.14	6.80
Insurance	463.98	450.45	448.02	38.0	38.5	38.0	12.21	11.70	11.79
Real Estate	297.14	291.83	305.99	35.8	34.7	37.0	8.30	8.41	8.27
Services	279.88	282.41	277.04	33.2	33.5	34.5	8.43	8.43	8.03
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	218.02	275.37	245.81	28.8	32.9	31.8	7.57	8.37	7.73
Personal Services	234.23	223.11	229.50	33.8	33.5	33.7	6.93	6.66	6.81
Business Services	243.53	229.13	247.74	34.3	32.5	34.6	7.10	7.05	7.16
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	314.63	340.86	337.12	36.5	39.0	39.2	8.62	8.74	8.60
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	166.74	168.56	147.17	26.3	27.1	25.2	6.34	6.22	5.84
Health Services	323.46	324.69	306.01	36.1	36.4	36.3	8.96	8.92	8.43
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	193.91	189.57	185.85	34.2	33.2	34.1	5.67	5.71	5.45
Hospitals	391.17	392.03	362.52	38.2	38.7	38.2	10.24	10.13	9.49
Other Health Services	288.47	293.94	282.98	33.7	34.5	34.3	8.56	8.52	8.25
Legal Services	410.19	404.52	403.45	38.3	37.7	37.6	10.71	10.73	10.73
Social Services	178.51	178.57	191.27	28.2	28.3	32.2	6.33	6.31	5.94
Engineering & Management Services	420.62	417.24	381.19	36.8	36.6	36.2	11.43	11.40	10.53

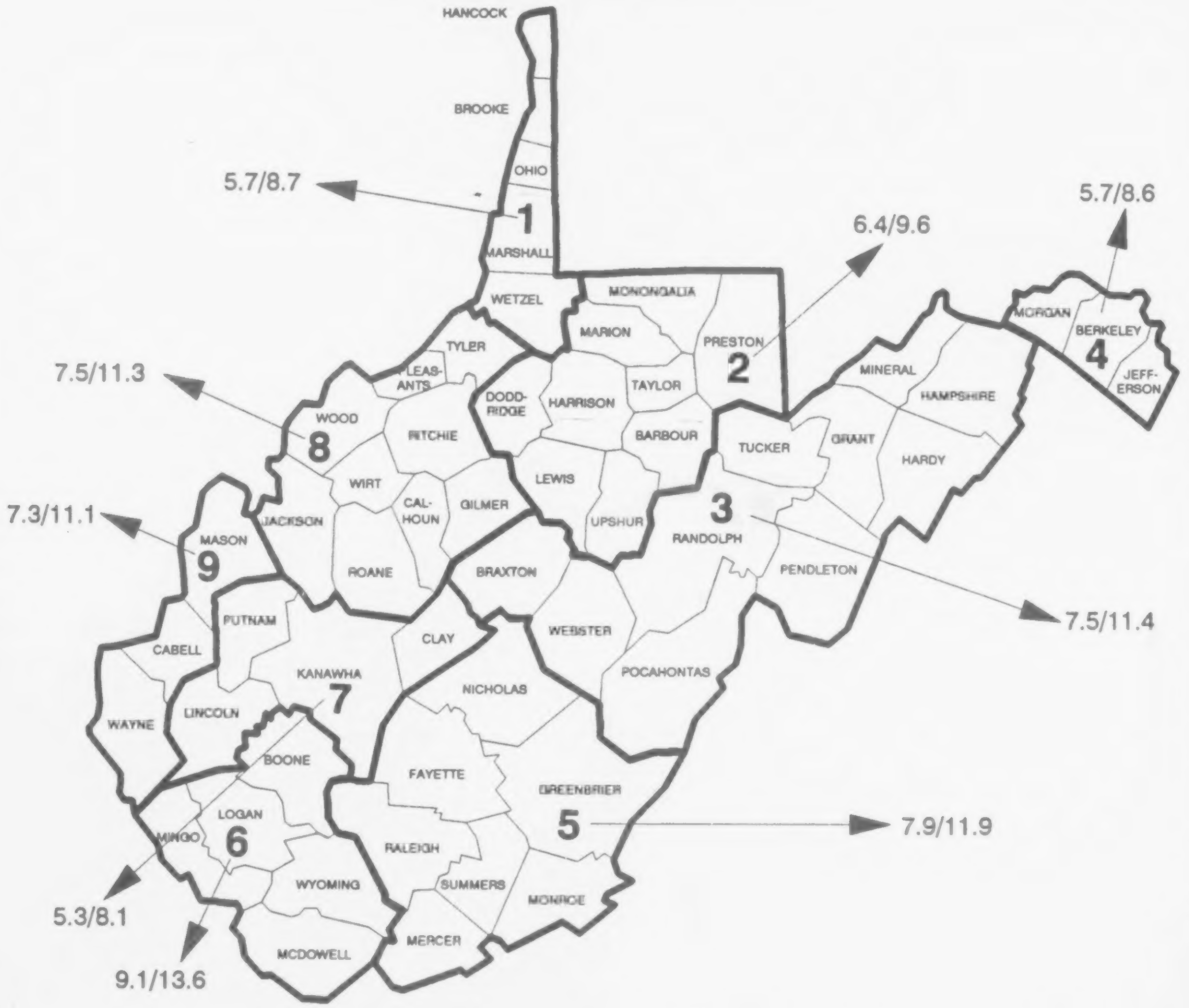
Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov.'91	Revised Oct.'91	Revised Nov.'90	Change From: Oct. 1991	Change From: Nov. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	286.5	285.0	277.7	1.5	8.8
PRIVATE SECTOR	217.7	216.5	212.4	1.2	5.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	24.3	24.3	24.3	0.0	0.0
Mining	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	0.1
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	20.0	20.0	20.1	0.0	-0.1
Durable Goods	7.4	7.5	7.8	-0.1	-0.4
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.0	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.0	1.1	1.1	-0.1	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.0	-0.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.0	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	12.6	12.5	12.3	0.1	0.3
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Textile Mill Products	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.7	3.7	3.6	0.0	0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.8	1.9	0.1	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.0	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	262.2	260.7	253.4	1.5	8.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.3	8.3	8.0	0.0	0.3
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Communications	3.8	3.8	3.6	0.0	0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Trade	69.7	68.6	69.1	1.1	0.6
Wholesale Trade	6.2	6.1	5.7	0.1	0.5
Retail Trade	63.5	62.5	63.4	1.0	0.1
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	12.5	11.5	11.8	1.0	0.7
Food Stores	12.2	12.2	12.1	0.0	0.1
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.5	4.2	5.1	0.3	-0.6
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	20.4	20.7	20.1	-0.3	0.3
Miscellaneous Retail	7.9	7.9	8.5	0.0	-0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.3	15.3	15.2	0.0	0.1
Finance	11.0	11.0	10.8	0.0	0.2
Insurance	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
Real Estate	1.4	1.4	1.6	0.0	-0.2
Services	100.1	100.0	95.8	0.1	4.3
Agricultural Services	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.6	4.8	4.7	-0.2	-0.1
Personal Services	4.2	4.2	3.9	0.0	0.3
Business Services	7.4	7.5	6.9	-0.1	0.5
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.6	2.7	2.5	-0.1	0.1
Health Services	47.8	47.7	46.4	0.1	1.4
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.6	9.6	9.2	0.0	0.4
Hospitals	24.0	24.0	23.4	0.0	0.6
Other Health Services	14.2	14.1	13.8	0.1	0.4
Legal Services	3.4	3.5	3.3	-0.1	0.1
Educational Services	3.4	3.3	3.7	0.1	-0.3
Social Services	9.0	8.8	7.1	0.2	1.9
Membership Organizations	12.1	11.9	11.7	0.2	0.4
Engineering & Management Services	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.0
Government	68.8	68.5	65.3	0.3	3.5
Federal	7.2	7.3	6.1	-0.1	1.1
Hospitals	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.0	0.2
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	4.0	4.1	3.2	-0.1	0.8
State	20.4	19.7	18.8	0.7	1.6
Hospitals	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
Education	11.0	10.2	9.6	0.8	1.4
Other State	7.7	7.8	7.4	-0.1	0.3
Local	41.2	41.5	40.4	-0.3	0.8
Hospitals	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Education	30.0	30.1	29.2	-0.1	0.8
Other Local	7.0	7.2	7.1	-0.2	-0.1

Partnership for Progress Area Unemployment Rates

WV Series / BLS Series   November 1991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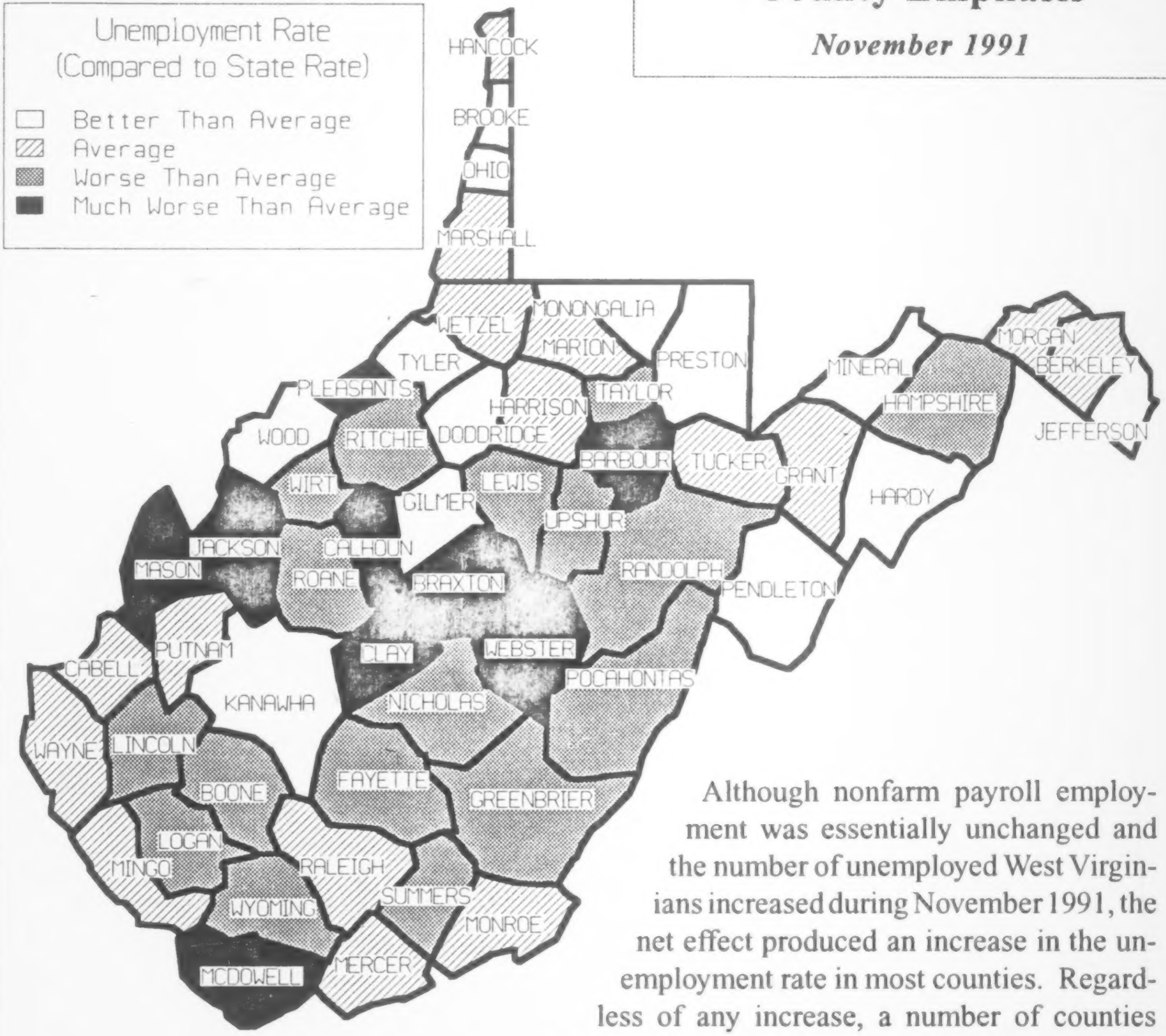
West Virginia's Partnership for Progress areas typically are tracking seasonal trends by posting higher unemployment rates during November 1991. The lone exception is in Area 6, where a decline was recorded in the West Virginia series labor force statistics. Although Area 6 generally leads all other areas with the highest unemployment rate, it has registered a continuous decline for the past three months. The lowest unemployment rates were noted in Area 7 (5.3) followed closely by Area 4 (5.7) and Area 1 (5.7).

County Emphasis

November 1991


Unemployment Rate
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Although nonfarm payroll employment was essentially unchanged and the number of unemployed West Virginians increased during November 1991, the net effect produced an increase in the unemployment rate in most counties. Regardless of any increase, a number of counties continued to maintain a rate that is considered better than average when compared to the state rate. Included in this group are Preston (5.7), Wood (5.6), Brooke (5.5), Tyler (5.4), Jefferson (5.3), Mineral (5.1), Gilmer (4.9), Hardy (4.8), Doddridge (4.6), Kanawha (4.6), Ohio (4.4), Monongalia (3.4), and Pendleton (3.2).

Double-digit unemployment rates for several counties may generally be attributed to a normal seasonal rise in unemployment as well as the effects of a national recession that lingers. Counties with rates considered much worse than average include Pleasants (10.9), Mason (11.5), Webster (13.0), Clay (13.0), McDowell (13.1), Barbour (13.1), Braxton (13.5), and Calhoun (13.7). Within this group, improvements were recorded in McDowell (-0.5), Barbour (-1.6), and Calhoun (-0.4).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

November 1991

(Revised October 1991 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	5,060	(5,050)	4,390	(4,310)	660	(740)	13.1	(14.7)
Berkeley	29,160	(28,940)	27,440	(27,250)	1,720	(1,700)	5.9	(5.9)
Boone	7,950	(8,180)	7,260	(7,330)	690	(860)	8.6	(10.4)
Braxton	5,050	(5,050)	4,370	(4,420)	680	(630)	13.5	(12.4)
Brooke	9,850	(10,090)	9,300	(9,450)	550	(640)	5.5	(6.3)
Cabell	42,950	(43,130)	40,230	(40,450)	2,710	(2,680)	6.3	(6.2)
Calhoun	2,710	(2,780)	2,340	(2,380)	370	(390)	13.7	(14.1)
Clay	2,960	(2,940)	2,570	(2,650)	380	(290)	13.0	(9.8)
Doddridge	2,220	(2,230)	2,120	(2,140)	100	(100)	4.6	(4.3)
Fayette	16,690	(16,580)	15,110	(15,190)	1,570	(1,390)	9.4	(8.4)
Gilmer	3,370	(3,180)	3,200	(2,960)	160	(220)	4.9	(7.0)
Grant	4,700	(4,760)	4,410	(4,490)	290	(270)	6.1	(5.7)
Greenbrier	14,890	(14,850)	13,540	(13,630)	1,350	(1,220)	9.1	(8.2)
Hampshire	7,510	(7,220)	6,890	(6,780)	620	(450)	8.3	(6.2)
Hancock	13,280	(13,580)	12,460	(12,660)	820	(920)	6.2	(6.8)
Hardy	6,110	(6,010)	5,820	(5,680)	290	(330)	4.8	(5.5)
Harrison	27,940	(28,090)	25,990	(26,180)	1,950	(1,910)	7.0	(6.8)
Jackson	10,650	(9,920)	9,350	(9,300)	1,310	(630)	12.3	(6.3)
Jefferson	19,940	(19,980)	18,880	(18,780)	1,060	(1,190)	5.3	(6.0)
Kanawha	96,210	(97,050)	91,810	(92,570)	4,400	(4,480)	4.6	(4.6)
Lewis	7,340	(7,200)	6,630	(6,740)	710	(460)	9.6	(6.4)
Lincoln	7,290	(7,370)	6,600	(6,660)	690	(710)	9.5	(9.6)
Logan	13,130	(13,350)	12,070	(12,130)	1,060	(1,210)	8.1	(9.1)
McDowell	6,210	(6,300)	5,400	(5,440)	810	(860)	13.1	(13.6)
Marion	22,550	(22,390)	20,830	(20,810)	1,720	(1,580)	7.6	(7.0)
Marshall	14,560	(14,340)	13,480	(13,420)	1,090	(920)	7.5	(6.4)
Mason	9,980	(9,760)	8,830	(8,870)	1,150	(890)	11.5	(9.1)
Mercer	26,110	(26,070)	24,530	(24,510)	1,580	(1,560)	6.0	(6.0)
Mineral	10,330	(10,310)	9,810	(9,890)	530	(420)	5.1	(4.0)
Mingo	10,750	(10,780)	9,910	(9,910)	840	(870)	7.8	(8.1)
Monongalia	41,860	(41,820)	40,430	(40,560)	1,430	(1,260)	3.4	(3.0)
Monroe	5,070	(5,180)	4,770	(4,800)	300	(380)	5.8	(7.3)
Morgan	5,130	(5,030)	4,830	(4,800)	300	(230)	5.8	(4.5)
Nicholas	8,850	(8,870)	7,900	(7,920)	950	(960)	10.8	(10.8)
Ohio	23,890	(23,700)	22,830	(22,730)	1,060	(970)	4.4	(4.1)
Pendleton	4,060	(3,970)	3,930	(3,860)	130	(110)	3.2	(2.8)
Pleasants	2,160	(2,120)	1,920	(1,930)	240	(190)	10.9	(8.9)
Pocahontas	4,620	(4,430)	4,240	(4,120)	380	(320)	8.2	(7.2)
Preston	13,360	(13,260)	12,600	(12,640)	760	(620)	5.7	(4.7)
Putnam	16,470	(16,570)	15,400	(15,530)	1,070	(1,040)	6.5	(6.3)
Raleigh	27,220	(27,360)	25,140	(25,350)	2,080	(2,010)	7.6	(7.4)
Randolph	11,460	(11,230)	10,480	(10,410)	980	(830)	8.6	(7.4)
Ritchie	5,320	(5,190)	4,890	(4,900)	440	(290)	8.2	(5.7)
Roane	4,790	(4,870)	4,330	(4,330)	470	(550)	9.7	(11.2)
Summers	4,180	(4,180)	3,850	(3,870)	340	(320)	8.0	(7.5)
Taylor	5,540	(5,530)	5,[illegible]90	(5,130)	450	(400)	8.1	(7.3)
Tucker	3,520	(3,500)	3,260	(3,290)	270	(210)	7.5	(6.0)
Tyler	4,750	(4,630)	4,500	(4,470)	260	(160)	5.4	(3.4)
Upshur	8,890	(8,810)	8,110	(8,090)	780	(720)	8.8	(8.2)
Wayne	15,600	(15,810)	14,430	(14,510)	1,160	(1,300)	7.5	(8.2)
Webster	2,980	(2,930)	2,590	(2,600)	390	(330)	13.0	(11.3)
Wetzel	9,350	(9,180)	8,790	(8,750)	560	(430)	5.9	(4.7)
Wirt	2,160	(2,170)	1,960	(1,950)	200	(220)	9.1	(10.1)
Wood	40,610	(40,580)	38,320	(38,500)	2,290	(2,080)	5.6	(5.1)
Wyoming	6,690	(6,680)	6,030	(6,060)	660	(620)	9.9	(9.2)
Statewide	735,900	(735,100)	686,200	(688,000)	49,800	(47,000)	6.8	(6.4)

All data have been revised to March 1990 benchmark.

The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

November 1991

(Revised October 1991 in parentheses)

APPROVED BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	5,570	(5,570)	4,500	(4,430)	1,070	(1,140)	19.2	(20.5)
Berkeley	30,890	(30,600)	28,130	(27,990)	2,770	(2,610)	9.0	(8.5)
Boone	8,550	(8,850)	7,450	(7,530)	1,110	(1,320)	12.9	(14.9)
Braxton	5,580	(5,510)	4,480	(4,540)	1,100	(970)	19.7	(17.6)
Brooke	10,410	(10,690)	9,530	(9,710)	880	(980)	8.4	(9.2)
Cabell	45,610	(45,680)	41,240	(41,550)	4,370	(4,130)	9.6	(9.0)
Calhoun	3,000	(3,050)	2,400	(2,450)	600	(600)	20.0	(19.8)
Clay	3,260	(3,170)	2,640	(2,720)	620	(440)	19.0	(14.0)
Doddridge	2,340	(2,350)	2,170	(2,200)	170	(150)	7.1	(6.4)
Fayette	18,020	(17,740)	15,490	(15,600)	2,530	(2,150)	14.0	(12.1)
Gilmer	3,550	(3,380)	3,280	(3,040)	260	(340)	7.4	(10.1)
Grant	4,990	(5,030)	4,530	(4,610)	460	(420)	9.2	(8.3)
Greenbrier	16,060	(15,880)	13,880	(14,000)	2,180	(1,880)	13.6	(11.9)
Hampshire	8,060	(7,650)	7,060	(6,960)	1,000	(690)	12.4	(9.0)
Hancock	14,090	(14,430)	12,770	(13,000)	1,320	(1,420)	9.4	(9.9)
Hardy	6,440	(6,340)	5,970	(5,840)	470	(510)	7.3	(8.0)
Harrison	29,780	(29,830)	26,640	(26,900)	3,150	(2,940)	10.6	(9.8)
Jackson	11,680	(10,520)	9,580	(9,550)	2,100	(970)	18.0	(9.2)
Jefferson	21,050	(21,130)	19,350	(19,290)	1,710	(1,840)	8.1	(8.7)
Kanawha	101,200	(102,000)	94,110	(95,090)	7,080	(6,910)	7.0	(6.8)
Lewis	7,940	(7,640)	6,800	(6,930)	1,140	(710)	14.4	(9.3)
Lincoln	7,880	(7,930)	6,760	(6,840)	1,120	(1,090)	14.2	(13.8)
Logan	14,090	(14,330)	12,370	(12,460)	1,710	(1,870)	12.2	(13.0)
McDowell	6,840	(6,910)	5,530	(5,590)	1,310	(1,320)	19.1	(19.2)
Marion	24,120	(23,810)	21,350	(21,380)	2,770	(2,430)	11.5	(10.2)
Marshall	15,570	(15,200)	13,810	(13,780)	1,750	(1,420)	11.3	(9.3)
Mason	10,900	(10,480)	9,050	(9,110)	1,850	(1,360)	16.9	(13.0)
Mercer	27,690	(27,580)	25,150	(25,170)	2,540	(2,410)	9.2	(8.7)
Mineral	10,900	(10,800)	10,050	(10,160)	850	(640)	7.8	(5.9)
Mingo	11,510	(11,520)	10,160	(10,180)	1,350	(1,340)	11.7	(11.6)
Monongalia	43,750	(43,600)	41,450	(41,670)	2,300	(1,940)	5.3	(4.4)
Monroe	5,370	(5,510)	4,890	(4,930)	480	(580)	8.9	(10.5)
Morgan	5,430	(5,280)	4,950	(4,930)	480	(350)	8.9	(6.6)
Nicholas	9,630	(9,600)	8,100	(8,130)	1,540	(1,470)	16.0	(15.3)
Ohio	25,100	(24,850)	23,400	(23,350)	1,700	(1,490)	6.8	(6.0)
Pendleton	4,240	(4,130)	4,030	(3,960)	210	(170)	5.0	(4.1)
Pleasants	2,350	(2,270)	1,970	(1,980)	380	(290)	16.1	(12.8)
Pocahontas	4,960	(4,720)	4,350	(4,230)	610	(490)	12.3	(10.4)
Preston	14,140	(13,930)	12,910	(12,980)	1,230	(950)	8.7	(6.8)
Putnam	17,500	(17,560)	15,790	(15,950)	1,720	(1,610)	9.8	(9.1)
Raleigh	29,110	(29,140)	25,770	(26,040)	3,350	(3,100)	11.5	(10.6)
Randolph	12,320	(11,970)	10,740	(10,690)	1,580	(1,280)	12.8	(10.7)
Ritchie	5,710	(5,480)	5,010	(5,030)	710	(450)	12.4	(8.3)
Roane	5,180	(5,290)	4,440	(4,440)	750	(840)	14.4	(15.9)
Summers	4,480	(4,460)	3,940	(3,970)	540	(490)	12.0	(10.9)
Taylor	5,940	(5,890)	5,220	(5,270)	720	(620)	12.1	(10.5)
Tucker	3,760	(3,710)	3,340	(3,380)	430	(320)	11.3	(8.7)
Tyler	5,020	(4,840)	4,610	(4,600)	410	(240)	8.2	(5.0)
Upshur	9,570	(9,420)	8,310	(8,310)	1,260	(1,110)	13.2	(11.8)
Wayne	16,670	(16,910)	14,800	(14,910)	1,880	(2,000)	11.2	(11.8)
Webster	3,280	(3,180)	2,660	(2,670)	630	(510)	19.0	(16.1)
Wetzel	9,900	(9,650)	9,010	(8,980)	890	(660)	9.0	(6.9)
Wirt	2,330	(2,340)	2,010	(2,000)	320	(340)	13.6	(14.5)
Wood	42,970	(42,760)	39,280	(39,550)	3,690	(3,210)	8.6	(7.5)
Wyoming	7,240	(7,180)	6,180	(6,230)	1,070	(950)	14.7	(13.2)
Statewide	783,500	(779,200)	703,400	(706,800)	80,200	(72,500)	10.2	(9.3)

All data have been revised to March 1990 benchmark.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov. '91	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	112.7	113.6	113.6
Employment	107.2	108.1	108.8
Unemployment	5.5	5.5	4.9
Rate (%)	4.8	4.9	4.3
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	127.1	127.2	127.1
Employment	119.9	120.0	121.5
Unemployment	7.2	7.2	5.6
Rate (%)	5.7	5.7	4.4
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	69.7	69.5	69.3
Employment	66.3	66.4	66.3
Unemployment	3.4	3.1	3.0
Rate (%)	4.9	4.4	4.4
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	69.2	68.0	68.2
Employment	65.7	65.2	65.6
Unemployment	3.5	2.9	2.6
Rate (%)	5.0	4.2	3.8
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	35.7	35.9	36.0
Employment	33.2	33.5	33.8
Unemployment	2.5	2.4	2.3
Rate (%)	7.0	6.7	6.2
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.8	11.8	11.9
Employment	10.5	10.5	10.7
Unemployment	1.3	1.3	1.2
Rate (%)	11.3	10.9	10.4
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	55.2	55.1	51.3
Employment	53.0	53.2	49.6
Unemployment	2.2	1.9	1.7
Rate (%)	4.0	3.4	3.3
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.1	13.8	14.3
Employment	13.3	13.2	13.4
Unemployment	0.8	0.6	0.9
Rate (%)	5.8	4.3	6.5
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.0	20.0	19.8
Employment	18.3	18.4	18.4
Unemployment	1.7	1.6	1.4
Rate (%)	8.3	8.0	7.1

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov. '91	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	118.7	119.6	119.4
Employment	109.9	111.0	111.4
Unemployment	8.8	8.5	8.0
Rate (%)	7.4	7.1	6.7
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	132.6	132.3	132.3
Employment	120.3	120.3	123.5
Unemployment	12.3	12.0	8.8
Rate (%)	9.3	9.1	6.7
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	73.3	72.7	72.8
Employment	67.9	67.9	68.0
Unemployment	5.3	4.7	4.8
Rate (%)	7.3	6.5	6.6
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	72.6	71.1	71.4
Employment	67.3	66.7	67.3
Unemployment	5.4	4.4	4.1
Rate (%)	7.4	6.3	5.8
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	38.1	38.1	38.3
Employment	34.0	34.4	34.6
Unemployment	4.0	3.7	3.7
Rate (%)	10.6	9.7	9.7
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.9	12.8	13.0
Employment	10.8	10.8	11.0
Unemployment	2.2	2.0	2.0
Rate (%)	16.7	15.5	15.7
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	57.9	57.5	53.6
Employment	54.4	54.6	50.8
Unemployment	3.5	2.9	2.8
Rate (%)	6.1	5.0	5.2
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.9	14.5	15.2
Employment	13.6	13.6	13.7
Unemployment	1.3	0.9	1.5
Rate (%)	8.8	6.3	10.1
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.4	21.4	21.2
Employment	18.8	18.9	18.9
Unemployment	2.7	2.5	2.3
Rate (%)	12.4	11.5	11.0

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment remained unchanged during November 1991 in the Charleston MSA. The local goods-producing sector fell by 200 over the month, while service-producing industries advanced by 200 jobs. Construction employment declined seasonally (-200) among the goods-producing industries with retail trade increasing by 300 in the service-producing sector. Comparison with year-ago data reveals a slight increase (+200) during the period. However, the November 1990 total nonfarm figure does not include 400 workers involved in a labor-management dispute. As a result of this situation, the total figure actually declined by 200 over the year. The most notable loss occurred in retail trade, which fell by 600 jobs. This event reflects the closure by a local retailer in 1990. On the plus side, health services employment increased by 600 over the year, with total services up by 800 jobs overall.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Resident-based total unemployment was unchanged during November 1991. The corresponding unemployment rate declined slightly to 4.8 percent of the MSA labor force. Comparison with year-ago figures indicates unemployment up by 600, with the unemployment rate increasing from 4.3 percent to the current 4.8 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. *Nov. '91*	*Revised* *Oct. '91*	*Revised* *Nov. '90*
Labor Force	112.7	113.6	113.6
Employment	107.2	108.1	108.8
Unemployment	5.5	5.5	4.9
Rate (%)	4.8	4.9	4.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. *Nov. '91*	*Revised* *Oct.'91*	*Revised* *Nov. '90*
Labor Force	118.7	119.6	119.4
Employment	109.9	111.0	111.4
Unemployment	8.8	8.5	8.0
Rate (%)	7.4	7.1	6.7

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

				Change From:	
	Prelim. *Nov. '91*	*Revised* *Oct. '91*	*Revised* *Nov. '90*	*Oct.* *1991*	*Nov.* *1990*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	113.7	113.7	113.5	0.0	0.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	94.0	94.0	93.7	0.0	0.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	18.3	18.5	18.1	-0.2	0.2
Mining	2.3	2.3	2.1	0.0	0.2
Construction	5.2	5.4	5.4	-0.2	-0.2
Manufacturing	10.8	10.8	10.6	0.0	0.2
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	9.0	9.0	8.8	0.0	0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.6	7.6	7.4	0.0	0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	95.4	95.2	95.4	0.2	0.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	9.2	9.2	9.2	0.0	0.0
Trade	29.5	29.2	30.1	0.3	-0.6
Wholesale Trade	7.2	7.2	7.2	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	22.3	22.0	22.9	0.3	-0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.5	6.5	6.6	0.0	-0.1
Services	30.5	30.6	29.7	-0.1	0.8
Health Services	11.3	11.3	10.7	0.0	0.6
Government	19.7	19.7	19.8	0.0	-0.1
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
State	9.3	9.3	9.3	0.0	0.0
Local	8.5	8.5	8.7	0.0	-0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.4	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			**Average Weekly Hours**			**Average Hourly Earnings**		
	Prelim. *Nov.'91*	*Revised* *Oct.'91*	*Revised* *Nov.'90*	*Prelim.* *Nov.'91*	*Revised* *Oct.'91*	*Revised* *Nov.'90*	*Prelim.* *Nov.'91*	*Revised* *Oct.'91*	*Revised* *Nov.'90*
Manufacturing	$623.57	$610.18	$573.78	44.1	44.8	43.6	$14.14	$13.62	$13.16
Nondurable Goods	686.54	662.19	609.90	45.8	46.6	44.1	14.99	14.21	13.83
Chemicals & Allied Products	780.00	746.32	687.96	48.0	49.1	45.5	16.25	15.20	15.12

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA increased by 200 in November 1991. The goods-producing sector decreased by 300 during November, as manufacturing (-200) and construction (-100) both declined. The decrease in manufacturing occurred in the durable goods industries namely stone, clay and glass, and in primary and fabricated metals. The service-producing industries advanced by 500 jobs in November, as trade gained 400, while total government (+200) and services (+100) both advanced. Transportation and public utilities posted the only decline (-200) in the service-producing sector. Comparison with year ago November 1990 data reveals a decline of 1,200 jobs over the year. These losses were primarily in both sectors of total manufacturing (-1,300). Transportation and public utilities also declined (-700) over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA in November 1991 was unchanged from October's level of 7,200. The unemployment rate remained unchanged, as well, holding at 5.7 percent of the civilian labor force. Unemployment was up 1,600 over the year, as reflected in the unemployment rate which increased from 4.4 percent to the current 5.7 percent in November 1991.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov. '91	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*
Labor Force	127.1	127.2	127.1
Employment	119.9	120.0	121.5
Unemployment	7.2	7.2	5.6
Rate (%)	5.7	5.7	4.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov. '91	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*
Labor Force	132.6	132.3	132.3
Employment	120.3	120.3	123.5
Unemployment	12.3	12.0	8.8
Rate (%)	9.3	9.1	6.7

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Nov. '91	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*	*Oct. 1991*	*Nov. 1990*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	111.5	111.3	112.7	0.2	-1.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	91.7	91.7	93.2	0.0	-1.5
GOODS-PRODUCING	25.9	26.2	27.1	-0.3	-1.2
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.1
Construction	4.9	5.0	4.9	-0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	19.4	19.6	20.7	-0.2	-1.3
Durable Goods	11.3	11.5	12.3	-0.2	-1.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.5	1.6	1.6	-0.1	-0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.3	7.4	7.9	-0.1	-0.6
Other Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.8	0.0	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.1	8.4	0.0	-0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.2	4.2	4.4	0.0	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	85.6	85.1	85.6	0.5	0.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.4	7.6	8.1	-0.2	-0.7
Trade	29.1	28.7	29.0	0.4	0.1
Wholesale Trade	5.6	5.5	5.7	0.1	-0.1
Retail Trade	23.5	23.2	23.3	0.3	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	0.1
Services	25.4	25.3	25.2	0.1	0.2
Health Services	10.7	10.6	10.6	0.1	0.1
Government	19.8	19.6	19.5	0.2	0.3
Federal	3.0	3.0	2.8	0.0	0.2
State	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.2	0.1
Local	11.6	11.6	11.6	0.0	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.1	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			**Average Weekly Hours**			**Average Hourly Earnings**		
	Prelim. Nov. '91	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*	*Prelim. Nov. '91*	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*	*Prelim. Nov. '91*	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*
Manufacturing	$564.98	$554.02	$587.24	41.0	39.8	42.4	$13.78	$13.92	$13.85
Durable Goods	601.52	607.05	603.64	41.2	41.1	42.6	14.60	14.77	14.17
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	539.09	526.67	560.77	43.3	41.7	44.4	12.45	12.63	12.63
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	676.87	690.55	659.29	40.8	41.4	42.1	16.59	16.68	15.66
Nondurable Goods	512.45	474.01	560.70	40.8	37.8	42.0	12.56	12.54	13.35

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA increased 300 during November 1991. Goods-producing employment remained unchanged for the month, while service-producing jobs gained 300. Within the service-producing sector, transportation and public utilities recorded a moderate decline (-100) whereas trade expanded (+400). A comparison to November 1990 indicates total nonfarm payroll employment gained 200 jobs. Goods producing businesses lost 500 jobs during this time period. Losses were recorded in construction (-200) and manufacturing (-300). Service-producing employment in this year-to-date comparison, gained 700 jobs. A decrease in transportation and public utilities (-100) was offset by an increase in trade (+400), services (+100), and government (+300).

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA grew by 300 during November 1991. The unemployment rate increased from 4.4 to 4.9 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to November 1990 the unemployment rate increased from 4.4 to 4.9 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov. '91	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*
Labor Force	69.7	69.5	69.3
Employment	66.3	66.4	66.3
Unemployment	3.4	3.1	3.0
Rate (%)	4.9	4.4	4.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Nov. '91	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*
Labor Force	73.3	72.7	72.8
Employment	67.9	67.9	68.0
Unemployment	5.3	4.7	4.8
Rate (%)	7.3	6.5	6.6

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Nov. '91	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*	*Change From: Oct. 1991*	*Nov. 1990*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	75.0	74.7	74.8	0.3	0.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	65.0	64.7	65.1	0.3	-0.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	17.3	17.3	17.8	0.0	-0.5
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.8	2.8	3.0	0.0	-0.2
Manufacturing	14.0	14.0	14.3	0.0	-0.3
Durable Goods	6.8	6.9	7.0	-0.1	-0.2
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.8	2.8	3.0	0.0	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.3	1.4	1.3	-0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	7.2	7.1	7.3	0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.4	5.3	5.5	0.1	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	57.7	57.4	57.0	0.3	0.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.4	2.5	2.5	-0.1	-0.1
Trade	27.9	27.5	27.5	0.4	0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	25.0	24.6	24.7	0.4	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Services	15.2	15.2	15.1	0.0	0.1
Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.5	0.0	0.2
Government	10.0	10.0	9.7	0.0	0.3
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.0	0.2
State	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.0	0.1
Local	6.8	6.8	6.8	0.0	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings *Prelim. Nov. '91*	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*	**Average Weekly Hours** *Prelim. Nov. '91*	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*	**Average Hourly Earnings** *Prelim. Nov. '91*	*Revised Oct. '91*	*Revised Nov. '90*
Manufacturing	$604.20	$577.10	$576.42	42.4	40.9	41.8	$14.25	$14.11	$13.79
Durable Goods	513.54	461.16	485.30	40.5	37.8	39.2	12.68	12.20	12.38
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	577.38	557.27	558.54	41.9	42.9	43.5	13.78	12.99	12.84
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	536.18	466.31	489.07	39.6	35.3	36.8	13.54	13.21	13.29

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment posted a substantial increase (+700) during November 1991 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA. The goods-producing sector had a slight increase (+200) during the month. Manufacturing increased 200 while mining and construction both remained stable with no change during the month. The service-producing sector experienced an increase of 500 during the month of November. Most of this increase was reflected in trade (+300). Transportation and public utilities and services each had an increase of 100. Finance, insurance and real estate and government both remained stable with no change. Comparison with year-ago November 1990 data reveals no change over the year. The service producing sector reflected a slight increase (+200) while the goods-producing sector showed a slight decrease (-200). Mining and construction both decreased by 100 while manufacturing remained stable. Services had a substantial increase (+500) while finance, insurance and real estate increased by 100. Trade declined by 400 and transportation and public utilities and government remained unchanged.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment for November showed a substantial increase (+600). The MSA unemployment rate also increased from 4.2 percent to 5.0 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago November 1990 reveals unemployment increased by 900 while the unemployment rate rose form 3.8 percent to the current 5.0 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. *Nov. '91*	*Revised* *Oct. '91*	*Revised* *Nov. '90*
Labor Force	69.2	68.0	68.2
Employment	65.7	65.2	65.6
Unemployment	3.5	2.9	2.6
Rate (%)	5.0	4.2	3.8

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. *Nov. '91*	*Revised* *Oct. '91*	*Revised* *Nov. '90*
Labor Force	72.6	71.1	71.4
Employment	67.3	66.7	67.3
Unemployment	5.4	4.4	4.1
Rate (%)	7.4	6.3	5.8

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

				Change From:	
	Prelim. *Nov. '91*	*Revised* *Oct. '91*	*Revised* *Nov. '90*	*Oct.* *1991*	*Nov.* *1990*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	74.5	73.8	74.5	0.7	0.0
PRIVATE SECTOR	65.2	64.5	65.2	0.7	0.0
GOODS-PRODUCING	11.5	11.3	11.7	0.2	-0.2
Mining	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.0	-0.1
Construction	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.0	-0.1
Manufacturing	7.3	7.1	7.3	0.2	0.0
Durable Goods	2.9	2.8	2.9	0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.3	4.4	0.1	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	63.0	62.5	62.8	0.5	0.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.2	3.3	0.1	0.0
Trade	29.7	29.4	30.1	0.3	-0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	26.9	26.6	27.3	0.3	-0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.0	0.1
Services	17.6	17.5	17.1	0.1	0.5
Health Services	7.8	7.8	7.6	0.0	0.2
Government	9.3	9.3	9.3	0.0	0.0
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.9	1.8	1.9	0.1	0.0
Local	6.7	6.8	6.7	-0.1	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			**Average Weekly Hours**			**Average Hourly Earnings**		
	Prelim. *Nov. '91*	*Revised* *Oct. '91*	*Revised* *Nov. '90*	*Prelim.* *Nov. '91*	*Revised* *Oct. '91*	*Revised* *Nov. '90*	*Prelim.* *Nov. '91*	*Revised* *Oct. '91*	*Revised* *Nov. '90*
Manufacturing	**$639.57**	**$619.92**	**$561.28**	**44.2**	**43.2**	**41.7**	**$14.47**	**$14.35**	**$13.46**
Nondurable Goods	**666.45**	**649.09**	**613.00**	**45.0**	**43.1**	**41.9**	**14.81**	**15.06**	**14.63**
Durable Goods	**608.37**	**585.42**	**498.42**	**43.3**	**43.3**	**41.5**	**14.05**	**13.52**	**12.01**

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	*Applicants Available Program Year to Date*	*Active File*	*NONFARM JOB OPENINGS*				*Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date*	*Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month*
			Received Program Year to Date	*UNFILLED*		*FILLED*		
				Total	*30 Days or More*	*Total*		
TOTAL	130,535	66,664	19,305	2,412	1,605	14,810	6.8	27.6
Professional, Technical & Managerial	13,497	7,162	564	161	96	225	23.9	44.5
Clerical & Sales	34,700	17,040	3,612	723	463	2,340	9.6	23.6
Services	15,499	7,500	2,828	412	202	1,836	5.5	18.2
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,062	516	51	12	10	28	20.8	43.0
Processing	6,863	4,037	468	121	87	410	14.7	33.4
Machine Trades	8,916	4,964	557	109	55	364	16.0	45.5
Benchwork	5,483	3,022	290	90	60	174	18.9	33.6
Structural Work	21,514	11,610	1,085	265	179	634	19.8	43.8
Miscellaneous	27,341	12,368	9,850	519	453	8,799	2.8	23.8
Transportation	5,936	3,222	467	92	59	246	12.7	35.0
Packaging & Materials Handling	15,942	5,861	9,047	321	303	8,378	1.8	18.3
Other	5,463	3,285	336	106	91	175	16.3	31.0
Entry Total	20	4	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

				Percent Change:	
	Nov. 1991	*Oct. 1991*	*Nov. 1990*	*Oct. 1991*	*Nov. 1990*
Initial Claims	8,909	9,209	9,766	-3.3	-8.8
Weeks Claimed	75,389	77,931	65,440	-3.3	15.2
Benefits Paid	$9,479,745	$10,172,287	$7,196,856	-6.8	31.7
Weeks Compensated	60,402	64,811	49,549	-6.8	21.9
Average Weekly Payment	$156.94	$156.95	$145.25	0.0	8.1
Trust Fund Balance, End of Month	$161,896,648	$150,174,165	$156,931,747	7.8	3.2

Workers' Compensation

Select Workers' Compensation Claims Activities

	Nov. 1991	Oct. 1991	Nov. 1990	Percent Change: Oct. 1991	Percent Change: Nov. 1990
Temporary Disability Benefits Paid	5,708,450	5,803,595	5,878,419	-1.6	-2.9
Medical Benefits Paid	7,883,597	7,523,568	5,804,260	4.8	35.8
Permanent Partial Disability Benefits Paid	4,057,748	5,426,853	2,044,209	-25.2	98.5
Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	8,365,686	8,159,946	5,593,858	2.5	49.6
Benefits to Dependents of Fatalities	1,668,804	1,712,003	1,362,287	-2.5	22.5
Funeral Benefits Paid	17,500	77,768	7,000	-77.5	150.0
Miscellaneous Benefits Paid*	245,125	(22,134)	10,641	-1207.5	2203.5
DWRF** Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	617,525	619,459	609,307	-0.3	1.3
DWRF** Benefits Paid to Dependents of Fatalities	1,039,324	989,267	1,019,238	5.1	2.0
Sum of All Benefits Paid	29,603,758	30,290,324	22,329,220	-2.3	32.6

** Includes returned benefit checks, attorney fees and specified dependent benefits.*
*** Disabled Workers' Relief Fund provides benefits to meet the weekly minimum benefit payable for worker's injured prior to July 1, 1971.*

Select Job Training Partnership Act Characteristics

Performance Standard Report
July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991

Entered Employment Rate - Adults	68	68
Average Wage at Placements Adults	4.95	4.81
Cost Per Entered Employment Adults	4,500	2,284
Entered Employment Rate - Welfare Recipients	56	58
Entered Employment Rate - Youth (Out of School Programs)	45	53
Positive Termination Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	75	85
Cost Per Positive Termination - Youth	4,900	2,101
Employability Enhancement Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	33	52

Characteristics	**Enrolled**	**Positive Outlook***
Adult	8,582	6,951
Female	5,406	4,379
Male	3,176	2,572
Youth	7,326	5,495
Female	3,882	2,912
Male	3,444	2,583
School Dropout	**	2,341
High School Graduate /Equivalent or above	**	6,355
Single Parent	**	2,777
Black	**	904
Hispanic	**	35
Handicapped	**	1,059
Unemployed	**	6,648
Welfare	**	2,841
Veterans	**	772

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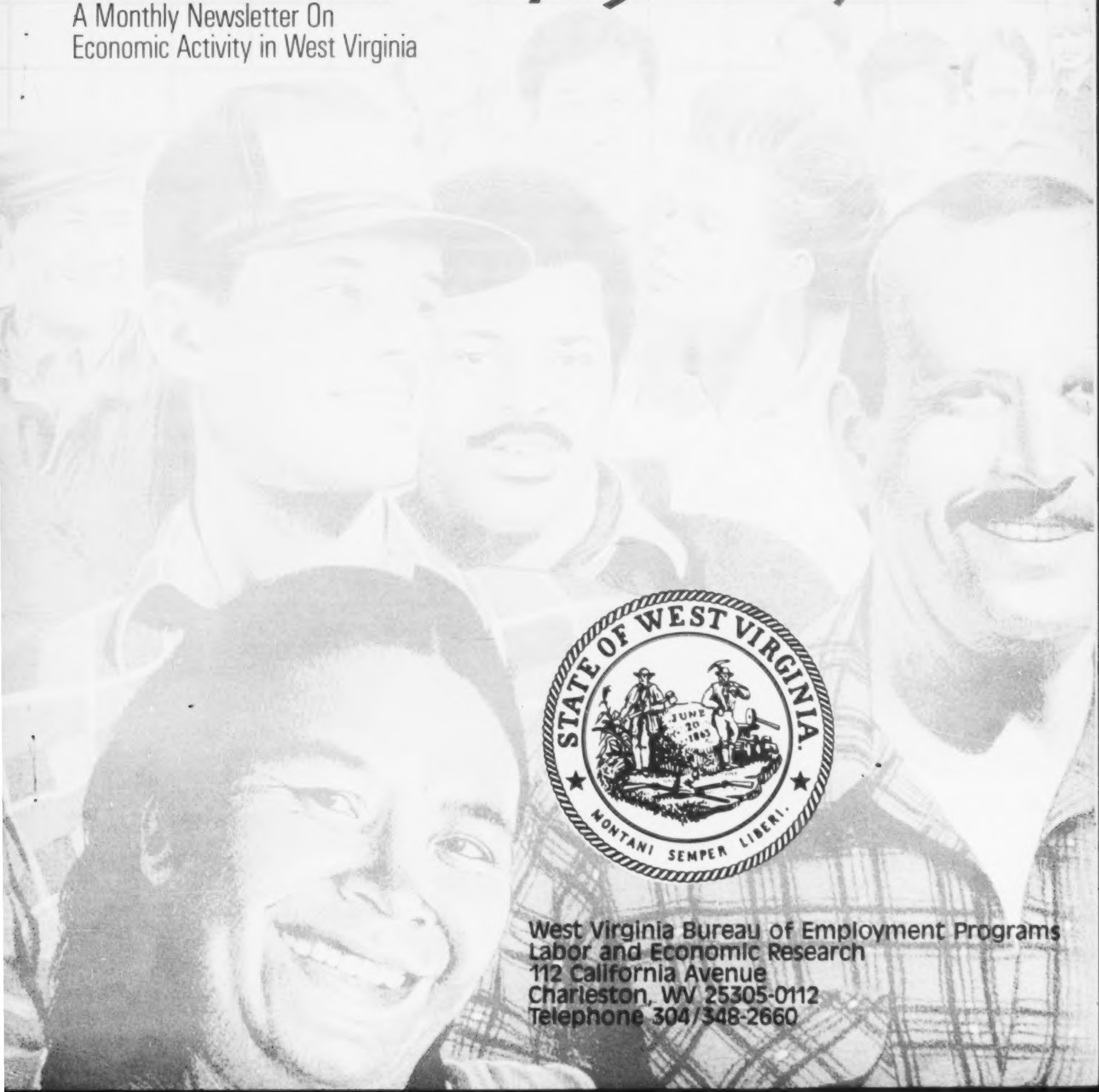

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Interstate claims for jobless benefits provide some interesting insights into West Virginia's unemployment problems. See **"Where Was Your Last Job?"** *on page 6A.*

Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force in West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	*Prelim. Dec. '91*	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*	*Change from: Nov. 1991*	*Change from: Dec. 1990*
Civilian Labor Force	743.0	738.6	730.7	4.4	12.3
Total Employment	683.0	688.7	681.7	-5.7	1.3
Total Unemployment	60.0	49.9	49.0	10.1	11.0
Unemployment Rate	8.1	6.8	6.7	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*					
Civilian Labor Force	783.6	783.1	777.7	0.5	5.9
Total Employment	696.6	703.2	704.0	-6.6	-7.4
Total Unemployment	87.1	80.0	73.8	7.1	13.3
Unemployment Rate	11.1	10.2	9.5	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment for all West Virginia residents decreased 5,700 during the month to an estimated 683,000 in mid-December. There were 1,300 more people employed in West Virginia this December than in the same month last year.

A shrinking number of construction jobs pulled down the goods-producing sector, with declines of 1,100 in heavy construction, 500 among special trade contractors and 100 in building construction. Such curtailments are typical for winter construction employment. In addition, mining went down 500 due to dropping demand for coal, and the manufacturing workforce lost 300. Dominating the change among service-producing industries was a 1,500 expansion in trade, caused largely by Christmas seasonal hiring. Tourism-sensitive industries like restaurants, hotels and amusements experienced a seasonal slowdown. Transportation and public utilities lost 500 workers during the month as a result of a layoff and a labor-management dispute.

The count of nonfarm payroll jobs this month remains 2,900 ahead of last December. The additional employees have been added in the service-producing industries, which are up 6,400 over the year, while goods-producing employment has dropped by 3,500 since December a year ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed swelled 10,100 to an estimated 60,000 in mid-December. This represents an unemployment rate of 8.1 percent for December, up significantly from 6.8 percent last month and 6.7 percent in December of 1990. Unemployment almost always worsens between November and December, but the weak national economy has contributed to a higher than normal increase in unemployment this year.

West Virginia Economic Indicators

	Dec. 1991	*Nov. 1991*	*Dec. 1990*
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.8	41.2	42.0
Seasonally Adjusted	40.6	41.1	41.8
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,569	2,593	2,697
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$491.64	$495.64	$492.66
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	44.7	46.3	44.2
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$834.55	$879.70	$805.32
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	*	13,961	12,300
Seasonally Adjusted	*	14,175	12,850
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,199	1,140	1,151
Seasonally Adjusted	1,213	1,226	1,165
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	5,040	7,492	5,323
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,726	1,234	1,394
Seasonally Adjusted	1,461	1,177	1,180
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	3,090	2,120	2,237
Seasonally Adjusted	2,479	2,219	1,794
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	4.2	3.3	3.6
Seasonally Adjusted	4.0	4.1	3.4
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted	8.0	7.5	6.6

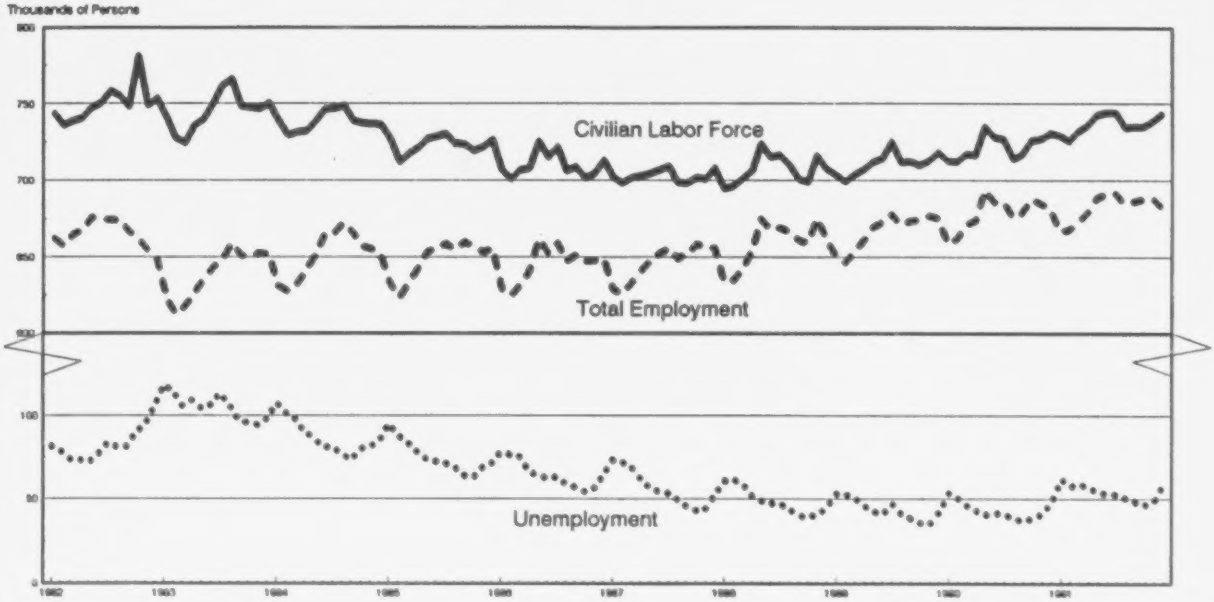
**December 1991 data not available*

Selected National Data

	Dec. 1991	*Nov. 1991*	*Dec. 1990*
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	6.8	6.6	5.9
Seasonally Adjusted	7.1	6.9	6.1
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	137.9	137.8	133.8
1967 Base	413.0	412.7	400.9
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods Unadjusted, 1982 Base	121.9	122.3	122.0
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	561.6	416.9	522.9
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	3.3	2.9	2.9
Seasonally Adjusted	3.3	3.3	2.8

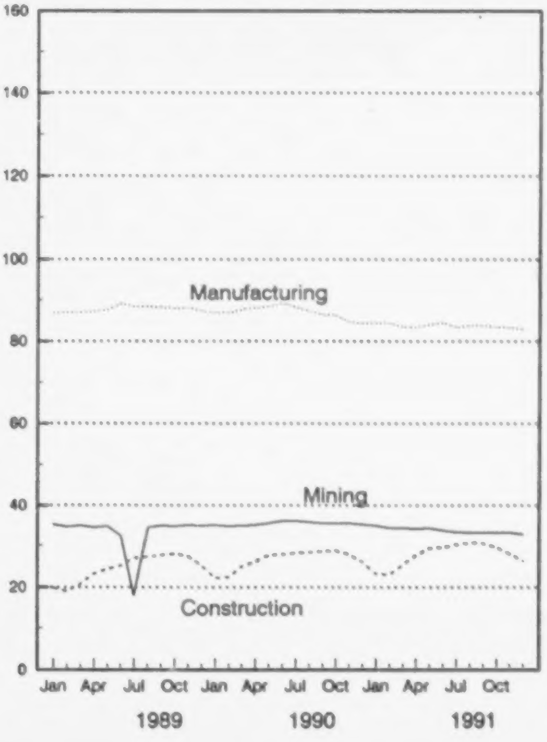
Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Total Employment, Unemployment and Civilian Labor Force



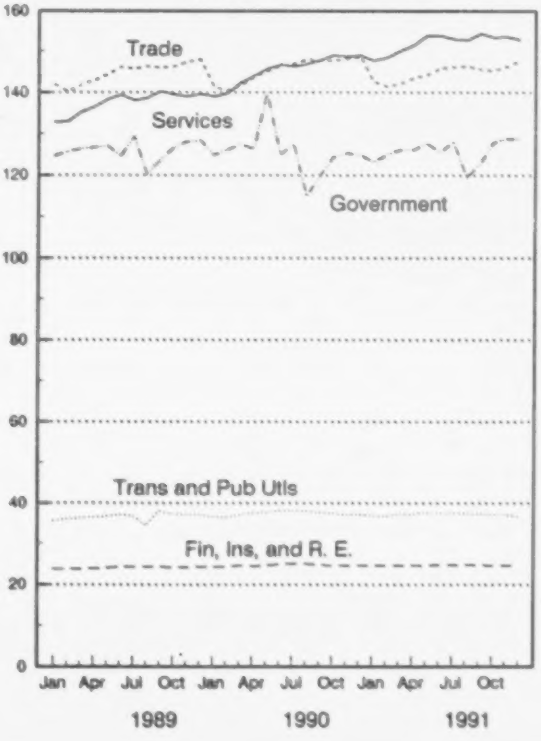
Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Service Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Dec.'91	*Revised Nov.'91*	*Revised Dec.'90*	*Nov. 1991*	*Dec. 1990*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	633.0	635.1	630.1	-2.1	2.9
PRIVATE SECTOR	504.3	506.4	505.2	-2.1	-0.9
GOODS-PRODUCING	142.2	144.7	145.7	-2.5	-3.5
Mining	32.9	33.4	35.3	-0.5	-2.4
Coal Mining	27.5	27.9	29.5	-0.4	-2.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.5	4.5	4.7	0.0	-0.2
Other Mining	0.9	1.0	1.1	-0.1	-0.2
Construction	26.3	28.0	26.0	-1.7	0.3
General Building Contractors	6.5	6.6	7.0	-0.1	-0.5
Heavy Construction	7.1	8.2	7.1	-1.1	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	12.7	13.2	11.9	-0.5	0.8
Manufacturing	83.0	83.3	84.4	-0.3	-1.4
Durable Goods	45.3	45.4	46.9	-0.1	-1.6
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.9	7.9	7.4	0.0	0.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.3	7.4	7.7	-0.1	-0.4
Primary Metals Industries	13.4	13.3	13.1	0.1	0.3
Fabricated Metal Products	5.4	5.4	5.7	0.0	-0.3
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.7	4.7	5.7	0.0	-1.0
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.6	2.6	2.4	0.0	0.2
Transportation Equipment	1.8	1.9	2.5	-0.1	-0.7
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.4	0.0	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	37.7	37.9	37.5	-0.2	0.2
Food & Kindred Products	4.2	4.2	4.3	0.0	-0.1
Textile Mill Products	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.2	1.1	-0.1	0.0
Printing & Publishing	5.0	5.0	5.1	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	17.4	17.4	17.3	0.0	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	4.7	4.8	4.4	-0.1	0.3
SERVICE-PRODUCING	490.8	490.4	484.4	0.4	6.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	36.6	37.1	37.1	-0.5	-0.5
Railroad Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.8	0.0	-0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	9.3	9.4	9.2	-0.1	0.1
Other Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.0
Communications	8.0	8.2	8.1	-0.2	-0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.1	12.3	12.4	-0.2	-0.3
Trade	147.8	146.3	148.7	1.5	-0.9
Wholesale Trade	29.9	30.0	30.3	-0.1	-0.4
Retail Trade	117.9	116.3	118.4	1.6	-0.5
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.0	5.1	4.9	-0.1	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	18.2	17.5	18.1	0.7	0.1
Food Stores	22.9	22.8	23.2	0.1	-0.3
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.1	14.2	14.6	-0.1	-0.5
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.9	5.4	6.7	0.5	-0.8
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.4	4.2	4.4	0.2	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	34.6	35.1	34.4	-0.5	0.2
Miscellaneous Retail	12.8	12.0	12.1	0.8	0.7
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.8	24.7	24.7	0.1	0.1
Finance	14.1	14.0	14.0	0.1	0.1
Insurance	6.4	6.4	6.4	0.0	0.0
Real Estate	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0
Services	152.9	153.6	149.0	-0.7	3.9
Agricultural Services	2.5	2.7	2.2	-0.2	0.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.0	8.4	8.7	-0.4	-0.7
Personal Services	6.3	6.3	6.2	0.0	0.1
Business Services	14.1	14.2	14.5	-0.1	-0.4
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.2	6.3	6.2	-0.1	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	5.3	5.5	5.2	-0.2	0.1
Health Services	58.3	58.2	56.6	0.1	1.7
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.7	10.7	10.6	0.0	0.1
Hospitals	29.2	29.2	28.3	0.0	0.9
Other Health Services	18.4	18.3	17.7	0.1	0.7
Legal Services	4.2	4.3	4.1	-0.1	0.1
Educational Services	6.4	6.4	6.3	0.0	0.1
Social Services	12.7	12.4	10.2	0.3	2.5
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.6	19.6	0.0	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	8.5	8.5	8.5	0.0	0.0
Government	128.7	128.7	124.9	0.0	3.8
Federal	17.0	16.9	14.5	0.1	2.5
Hospitals	3.2	3.2	2.9	0.0	0.3
U S Postal Service	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	8.7	8.6	6.6	0.1	2.1
State	40.9	40.8	39.1	0.1	1.8
Hospitals	2.4	2.4	2.5	0.0	-0.1
Education	19.5	19.5	18.3	0.0	1.2
Other State	19.0	18.9	18.3	0.1	0.7
Local	70.8	71.0	71.3	-0.2	-0.5
Hospitals	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	0.1
Education	45.3	45.3	45.8	0.0	-0.5
Other Local	20.4	20.6	20.5	-0.2	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	2.1	1.9	2.2	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Dec. '91	Revised Nov. '91	Revised Dec. '90	Change From: Nov. 1991	Change From: Dec. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	288.1	286.6	278.4	1.5	9.7
PRIVATE SECTOR	218.7	217.6	213.2	1.1	5.5
GOODS-PRODUCING	24.0	24.2	24.2	-0.2	-0.2
Mining	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.2	2.3	2.1	-0.1	0.1
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.1
Heavy Construction	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	1.2	1.3	1.2	-0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	19.8	19.9	20.1	-0.1	-0.3
Durable Goods	7.5	7.3	7.7	0.2	-0.2
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.0	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.1	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.0	-0.2
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.1
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	12.3	12.6	12.4	-0.3	-0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Textile Mill Products	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.7	3.7	3.7	0.0	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	2.9	3.0	3.0	-0.1	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.9	1.7	-0.1	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	264.1	262.4	254.2	1.7	9.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.4	8.3	8.0	0.1	0.4
Trucking & Warehousing	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.1	0.2
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Communications	3.8	3.8	3.6	0.0	0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Trade	71.3	69.9	69.9	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	6.2	6.2	5.7	0.0	0.5
Retail Trade	65.1	63.7	64.2	1.4	0.9
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	12.9	12.4	12.1	0.5	0.8
Food Stores	12.5	12.4	12.1	0.1	0.4
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.6	3.5	3.5	0.1	0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.9	4.5	5.6	0.4	-0.7
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	20.3	20.5	19.6	-0.2	0.7
Miscellaneous Retail	8.4	7.9	8.8	0.5	-0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.5	15.4	15.4	0.1	0.1
Finance	11.1	11.0	10.8	0.1	0.3
Insurance	2.9	3.0	2.9	-0.1	0.0
Real Estate	1.5	1.4	1.7	0.1	-0.2
Services	99.5	99.8	95.7	-0.3	3.8
Agricultural Services	0.9	1.0	0.8	-0.1	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.2	4.5	4.9	-0.3	-0.7
Personal Services	4.1	4.1	4.0	0.0	0.1
Business Services	7.3	7.5	7.0	-0.2	0.3
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.1	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.0	0.1
Health Services	47.9	47.9	46.4	0.0	1.5
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.6	9.6	9.2	0.0	0.4
Hospitals	24.1	24.1	23.5	0.0	0.6
Other Health Services	14.2	14.2	13.7	0.0	0.5
Legal Services	3.4	3.4	3.3	0.0	0.1
Educational Services	3.4	3.4	3.6	0.0	-0.2
Social Services	9.2	8.9	7.3	0.3	1.9
Membership Organizations	11.9	11.9	11.2	0.0	0.7
Engineering & Management Services	3.0	3.1	3.1	-0.1	-0.1
Government	69.4	69.0	65.2	0.4	4.2
Federal	7.4	7.3	6.2	0.1	1.2
Hospitals	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.0	0.2
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	4.2	4.1	3.2	0.1	1.0
State	20.6	20.4	18.9	0.2	1.7
Hospitals	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
Education	11.0	10.9	9.5	0.1	1.5
Other State	7.9	7.8	7.6	0.1	0.3
Local	41.4	41.3	40.1	0.1	1.3
Hospitals	4.3	4.2	4.1	0.1	0.2
Education	30.1	30.0	29.0	0.1	1.1
Other Local	7.0	7.1	7.0	-0.1	0.0

Special Report: *Where Was Your Last Job?*

What Interstate Jobless Claims Tell About the Unemployed

Since the onset of the current recession, West Virginia has experienced a significant increase in unemployment. However, we have observed no corresponding drop in payroll employment; the count of nonfarm payroll jobs in the state is about where it was before the recession began. The dynamics of the labor market provide a number of possible explanations for this seeming contradiction. Part of the answer can perhaps be found among the normally obscure records of interstate claims filed for unemployment benefits.

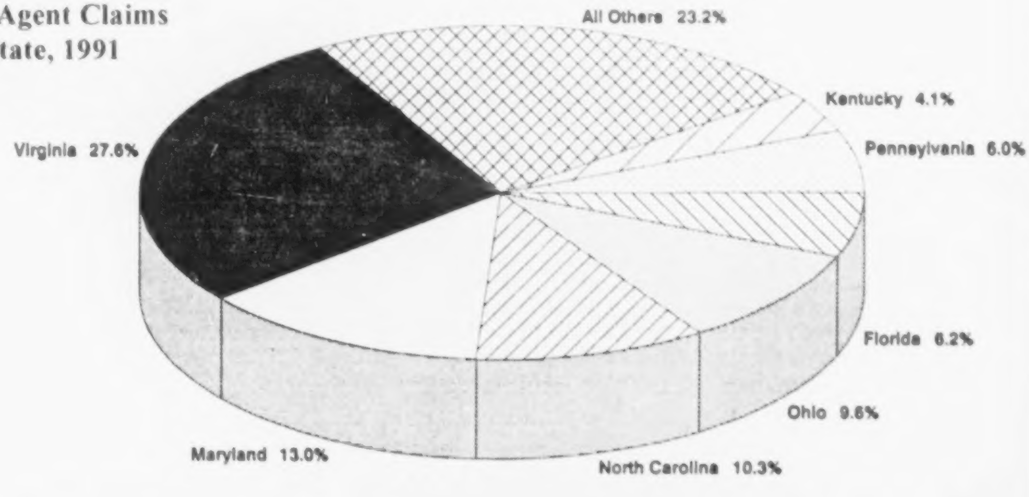
Remember that nonfarm payroll employment is a count of jobs at businesses within the borders of West Virginia. Labor force and unemployment, on the other hand, are adjusted to estimate individuals by residence rather than place of work. To be counted as unemployed (by either the WV or BLS method of calculation), one must be a current West Virginia resident who does not have a job and is actively seeking work.

Not all of America's unemployed are eligible for jobless benefits. In fact, most are not; the system generally pays only those who recently held a job for a significant period of time and lost it through no fault of their own. However, the administrative records of the unemployment compensation system tell us a lot about people who do file claims and draw benefits. Sometimes we can use the records to make assumptions about the rest of the unemployed.

Since employer tax rates are partly determined by benefits paid to each firm's former workers, each claimant's former employer is an important matter of record. Some claimants file against ex-employers in other states. These people may be commuters who lived here but commuted to jobs across our borders before becoming unemployed, or workers who returned or moved to West Virginia after losing jobs elsewhere. Such claims, filed by West Virginia residents against employers in other states, are called *interstate agent claims.*

During the present recession many nearby states, especially those along the East Coast, have experienced much more serious job losses than West Virginia. The interstate claims figures reflect this. Between 1989 and 1991 the number of interstate agent claims filed by West Virginia residents against out-of-state employers increased

WV Interstate Agent Claims by Liable State, 1991



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68 percent, compared to a 42 percent increase in claims by West Virginians against West Virginia employers.

In 1990 and 1991 out-of-state layoffs were responsible for ten percent of all jobless claims filed by West Virginia residents. In the prior recessionary period of 1980-1983, interstate agent claims were only about six percent of the total.

As one would expect, interstate claims work in both directions. A resident of another state may file a claim against his former West Virginia employer. This is known as an *interstate liable claim*. Back in 1980-83 interstate agent and interstate liable claims balanced out pretty well; the numbers stayed approximately even. In 1990 and 1991 there were almost three times as many interstate agent as interstate liable claims. In other words, far more West Virginians are filing claims against out-of-state employers than the reverse.

The geographical distribution of interstate claims has also shifted noticeably in the last decade. While we have no state-by-state figures for 1980-83, Ohio unquestionably accounted for the largest proportion of both interstate agent and interstate liable claims, due to widespread commuting to the plants that line both sides of the Ohio River. During the eighties, however, our Eastern Panhandle developed into a distant suburb of metropolitan Washington, and a construction boom in Northern Virginia and Maryland attracted many West Virginia workers. In 1991 27.6 percent of all West Virginia interstate agent claims were filed against employers in Virginia, with Maryland a distant second at 13.0 percent. North Carolina was next with 10.3 percent, followed by Ohio (9.6), Florida (6.2), Pennsylvania (6.0), and Kentucky (4.1). The remaining 23.2 percent included claims against employers in every other state in the Union.

What all this means is that at least a portion of West Virginia's increased unemployment may be attributed to economic deterioration in other states, rather than business conditions within our own borders. Admittedly, jobless claims figures relate to only a portion of the unemployed. However, a return to home and family is a normal and customary human reaction to economic dislocation. Considering the magnitude of outmigration from the state during the eighties, it seems reasonable to assume that many more former West Virginians than the claims figures indicate have responded to worsening economic conditions elsewhere by returning.

CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Intrastate Claim: A claim filed by a West Virginia resident against a former employer in West Virginia. Benefits are paid from West Virginia's unemployment trust fund.

Interstate Agent Claim: A claim filed by a West Virginia resident against a former employer in another state. The other state reimburses West Virginia for benefits paid.

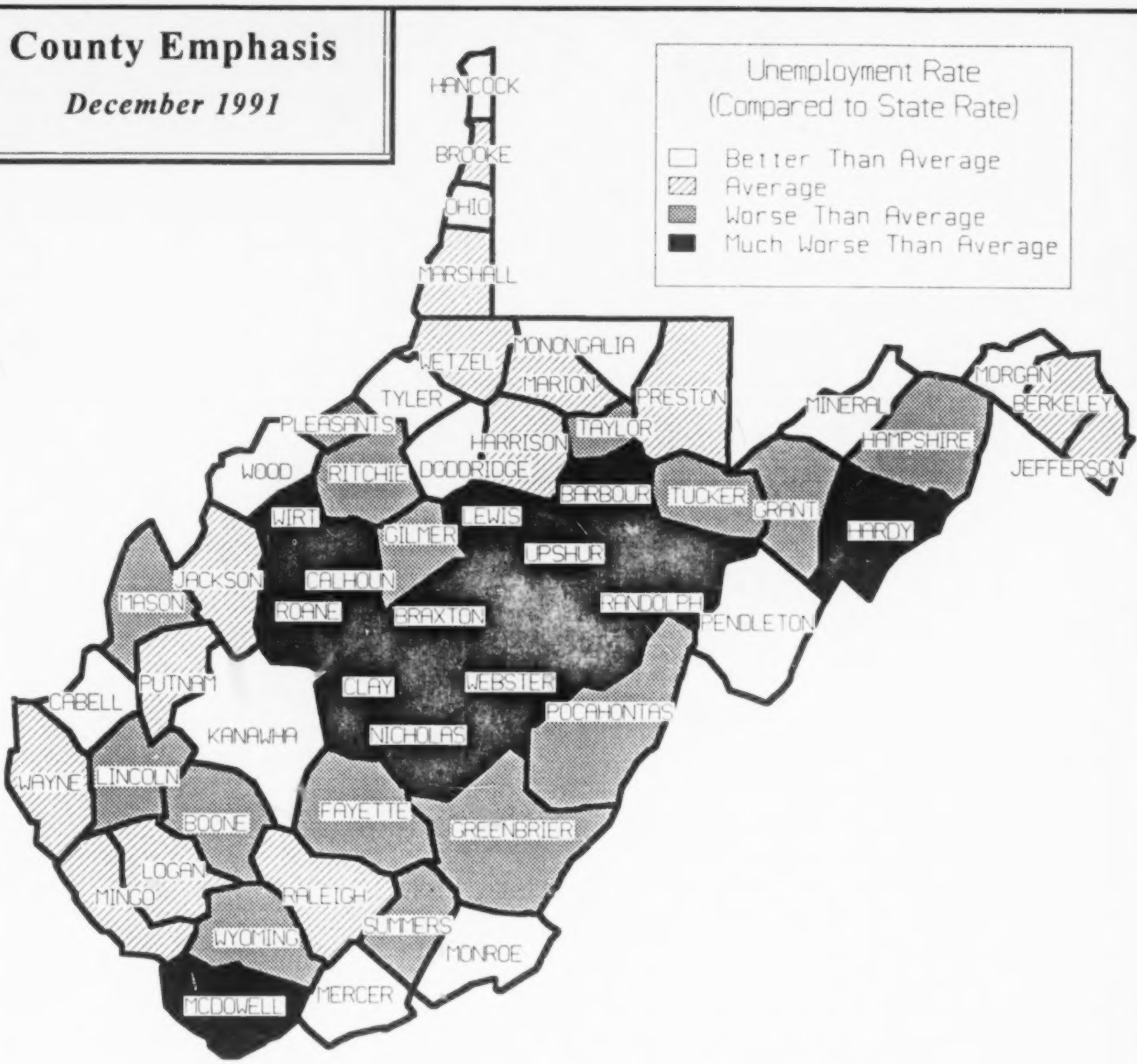
Interstate Liable Claim: A claim filed by a resident of another state against a former employer in West Virginia. West Virginia's trust fund reimburses the other state for benefits.

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec.'91	*Nov.'91*	*Dec.'90*	*Dec.'91*	*Nov.'91*	*Dec.'90*	*Dec.'91*	*Nov.'91*	*Dec.'90*
PRIVATE SECTOR	$363.37	$365.21	$358.31	35.8	35.7	36.6	$10.15	$10.23	$9.79
Coal Mining	834.55	879.70	805.32	44.7	46.3	44.2	18.67	19.00	18.22
Oil & Gas Extraction	502.22	479.19	461.47	43.9	42.9	45.6	11.44	11.17	10.12
Construction	516.74	526.28	525.33	36.7	36.7	39.0	14.08	14.34	13.47
Manufacturing	491.64	495.64	492.66	40.8	41.2	42.0	12.05	12.03	11.73
Durable Goods	494.40	500.86	508.46	41.2	41.6	42.8	12.00	12.04	11.88
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	310.82	310.71	294.17	39.9	40.3	41.2	7.79	7.71	7.14
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	466.75	472.93	454.06	40.8	40.7	39.9	11.44	11.62	11.38
Primary Metals Industries	644.23	646.67	725.46	42.3	42.6	47.2	15.23	15.18	15.37
Fabricated Metal Products	466.17	479.23	463.14	41.0	41.6	41.5	11.37	11.52	11.16
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	511.27	525.84	480.00	41.0	42.0	40.0	12.47	12.52	12.00
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	547.76	582.80	566.15	42.2	44.9	44.3	12.98	12.98	12.78
Transportation Equipment	534.70	526.25	538.15	43.9	43.1	47.0	12.18	12.21	11.45
Nondurable Goods	488.44	487.61	469.20	40.3	40.6	40.8	12.12	12.01	11.50
Food & Kindred Products	368.63	385.45	365.66	37.5	38.7	38.9	9.83	9.96	9.40
Textile Mill Products	233.55	255.19	227.69	34.6	36.3	35.3	6.75	7.03	6.45
Apparel & Other Textile Products	222.04	212.28	195.26	36.7	36.6	33.9	6.05	5.80	5.76
Paper & Allied Products	377.99	346.10	384.45	43.1	41.4	44.6	8.77	8.36	8.62
Printing & Publishing	345.00	353.72	392.62	35.9	37.0	39.9	9.61	9.56	9.84
Chemicals & Allied Products	767.45	766.54	702.85	45.6	45.6	44.4	16.83	16.81	15.83
Trucking & Warehousing	411.95	427.05	418.20	43.5	44.3	42.2	9.47	9.64	9.91
Communications	499.26	499.90	501.90	36.9	37.9	42.0	13.53	13.19	11.95
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	663.98	695.07	621.82	43.2	44.3	42.1	15.37	15.69	14.77
Trade	243.54	237.12	233.74	32.3	31.7	32.6	7.54	7.48	7.17
Wholesale Trade	473.34	460.40	431.61	40.7	40.6	40.3	11.63	11.34	10.71
Retail Trade	188.77	182.61	186.65	30.3	29.5	30.8	6.23	6.19	6.06
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	255.84	257.46	270.58	38.3	38.6	39.5	6.68	6.67	6.85
General Merchandise Stores	227.47	198.47	227.77	33.8	30.3	34.2	6.73	6.55	6.66
Food Stores	182.74	183.38	177.03	28.2	28.3	28.6	6.48	6.48	6.19
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	265.93	268.22	274.88	35.6	36.1	36.7	7.47	7.43	7.49
Apparel & Accessory Stores	147.86	146.40	149.70	28.6	28.1	30.0	5.17	5.21	4.99
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	315.20	298.02	290.43	39.4	36.3	35.9	8.00	8.21	8.09
Eating & Drinking Places	121.64	121.16	117.26	25.5	25.4	26.0	4.77	4.77	4.51
Miscellaneous Retail	200.98	192.74	196.02	31.8	30.4	33.0	6.32	6.34	5.94
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	316.11	308.91	311.74	36.8	36.3	37.2	8.59	8.51	8.38
Finance	270.11	256.68	257.52	36.7	35.7	37.0	7.36	7.19	6.96
Insurance	458.18	458.15	457.73	38.6	38.5	38.4	11.87	11.90	11.92
Real Estate	292.86	297.14	313.54	35.2	35.8	36.5	8.32	8.30	8.59
Services	286.27	282.56	279.10	33.6	33.4	34.8	8.52	8.46	8.02
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	225.75	230.40	212.13	29.9	29.5	29.3	7.55	7.81	7.24
Personal Services	243.70	231.82	224.41	33.8	33.5	34.9	7.21	6.92	6.43
Business Services	250.95	241.74	257.36	35.0	34.0	35.4	7.17	7.11	7.27
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	343.94	316.22	342.63	39.9	36.6	40.5	8.62	8.64	8.46
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	178.42	165.76	157.68	26.2	25.9	29.2	6.81	6.40	5.40
Health Services	330.46	327.57	310.06	36.8	36.6	37.0	8.98	8.95	8.38
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	200.35	195.85	192.42	33.9	34.3	35.9	5.91	5.71	5.36
Hospitals	396.54	396.24	360.81	38.8	39.0	37.9	10.22	10.16	9.52
Other Health Services	298.00	293.08	296.38	35.1	34.0	36.1	8.49	8.62	8.21
Legal Services	412.02	416.26	409.88	37.8	38.4	37.5	10.90	10.84	10.93
Social Services	171.36	178.72	194.39	28.0	28.1	33.4	6.12	6.36	5.82
Engineering & Management Services	442.89	426.28	393.85	7.0	37.1	36.4	11.97	11.49	10.82

County Emphasis

December 1991


Unemployment Rate
(Compared to State Rate)
☐ Better Than Average
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■ Much Worse Than Average
HANCOCK
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MONONGALIA
MARION
PRESTON
TYLER
PLEASANTS
HARRISON
TAYLOR
MINERAL
HAMPSHIRE
MORGAN
BERKELEY
JEFFERSON
WOOD
RITCHIE
DODDRIDGE
BARBOUR
TUCKER
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WIRT
GILMER
LEWIS
UPSHUR
JACKSON
CALHOUN
MASON
ROANE
BRAXTON
RANDOLPH
PENDLETON
PUTNAM
CABELL
CLAY
WEBSTER
POCAHONTAS
KANAWHA
NICHOLAS
WAYNE
LINCOLN
BOONE
FAYETTE
GREENBRIER
LOGAN
MINGO
RALEIGH
WYOMING
SUMMERS
MONROE
MCDOWELL
MERCER

Labor market conditions worsened during December 1991 in West Virginia, due to a combination of seasonal fluctuations and the current slide of the national economy. Seasonal conditions affecting the current labor market situation include slowdowns at construction sites due to inclement weather and decline in tourist activity.

Most county unemployment rates were considered worse or much worse than average during December. Those considered much worse than average were Braxton (17.1), Barbour (16.7), Hardy (16.6), Calhoun (16.5), McDowell (14.6), Webster (14.6), Nicholas (13.6), Clay (13.4), Lewis (13.0), Upshur (12.7), Roane (12.5), Wirt (12.5), and Randolph (12.3). On the other end of the spectrum, counties experiencing better-than-average rates included Monongalia (4.1), Pendleton (4.8), Ohio (4.8), Doddridge (5.1), Kanawha (5.6), Mineral (5.7), Monroe (6.2), Hancock (6.2), Wood (6.5), Morgan (6.7, Tyler (6.8), Mercer (7.0) and Cabell (7.0).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

December 1991

(Revised November 1991 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	5,270	(5,080)	4,390	(4,400)	880	(680)	16.7	(13.4)
Berkeley	30,030	(29,530)	27,670	(27,820)	2,360	(1,700)	7.9	(5.8)
Boone	8,050	(8,030)	7,290	(7,340)	760	(700)	9.4	(8.7)
Braxton	5,290	(5,150)	4,390	(4,460)	900	(700)	17.1	(13.5)
Brooke	10,070	(10,030)	9,340	(9,420)	730	(610)	7.3	(6.1)
Cabell	43,320	(43,510)	40,290	(40,790)	3,020	(2,720)	7.0	(6.3)
Calhoun	2,820	(2,760)	2,350	(2,370)	470	(390)	16.5	(14.1)
Clay	3,020	(3,030)	2,610	(2,640)	410	(390)	13.4	(13.0)
Doddridge	2,240	(2,250)	2,120	(2,140)	110	(100)	5.1	(4.6)
Fayette	16,800	(16,840)	15,130	(15,250)	1,670	(1,600)	9.9	(9.5)
Gilmer	2,990	(3,020)	2,710	(2,850)	280	(170)	9.4	(5.6)
Grant	4,950	(4,760)	4,380	(4,470)	580	(290)	11.6	(6.1)
Greenbrier	14,870	(15,060)	13,200	(13,670)	1,670	(1,390)	11.2	(9.2)
Hampshire	7,350	(7,660)	6,560	(7,010)	790	(660)	10.7	(8.6)
Hancock	13,330	(13,400)	12,510	(12,620)	820	(780)	6.2	(5.8)
Hardy	6,770	(6,190)	5,640	(5,890)	1,120	(300)	16.6	(4.8)
Harrison	28,430	(28,270)	26,020	(26,270)	2,420	(2,000)	8.5	(7.1)
Jackson	10,310	(10,190)	9,410	(9,430)	900	(770)	8.7	(7.5)
Jefferson	20,250	(20,190)	18,800	(19,110)	1,460	(1,080)	7.2	(5.4)
Kanawha	97,630	(97,360)	92,190	(92,830)	5,440	(4,530)	5.6	(4.7)
Lewis	7,490	(7,410)	6,520	(6,680)	970	(730)	13.0	(9.8)
Lincoln	7,550	(7,470)	6,750	(6,750)	800	(720)	10.6	(9.7)
Logan	13,220	(11,420)	12,120	(10,350)	1,100	(1,070)	8.3	(9.4)
McDowell	6,400	(6,340)	5,460	(5,510)	930	(840)	14.6	(13.2)
Marion	22,240	(22,510)	20,400	(20,750)	1,840	(1,750)	8.3	(7.8)
Marshall	14,720	(14,600)	13,400	(13,500)	1,320	(1,100)	9.0	(7.5)
Mason	9,870	(9,830)	8,700	(8,900)	1,180	(930)	11.9	(9.4)
Mercer	26,330	(26,300)	24,480	(24,690)	1,850	(1,610)	7.0	(6.1)
Mineral	10,430	(10,410)	9,840	(9,860)	590	(550)	5.7	(5.2)
Mingo	10,860	(10,900)	10,080	(10,040)	780	(860)	7.1	(7.9)
Monongalia	40,690	(40,890)	39,020	(39,430)	1,670	(1,460)	4.1	(3.6)
Monroe	4,960	(5,120)	4,650	(4,820)	310	(300)	6.2	(5.9)
Morgan	5,120	(5,170)	4,780	(4,860)	350	(310)	6.7	(6.0)
Nicholas	9,160	(9,010)	7,910	(8,010)	1,250	(990)	13.6	(11.0)
Ohio	23,840	(23,960)	22,710	(22,880)	1,130	(1,080)	4.8	(4.5)
Pendleton	4,040	(4,110)	3,850	(3,970)	190	(140)	4.8	(3.4)
Pleasants	2,130	(2,130)	1,890	(1,890)	250	(240)	11.5	(11.1)
Pocahontas	5,000	(4,670)	4,470	(4,280)	540	(390)	10.7	(8.3)
Preston	13,100	(13,070)	12,160	(12,280)	940	(790)	7.2	(6.0)
Putnam	16,760	(16,650)	15,460	(15,570)	1,300	(1,080)	7.7	(6.5)
Raleigh	27,290	(27,330)	25,010	(25,200)	2,290	(2,130)	8.4	(7.8)
Randolph	11,970	(11,620)	10,500	(10,620)	1,470	(1,000)	12.3	(8.6)
Ritchie	5,470	(5,380)	4,850	(4,920)	620	(460)	11.4	(8.5)
Roane	4,940	(4,840)	4,330	(4,380)	620	(460)	12.5	(9.6)
Summers	4,160	(4,170)	3,680	(3,830)	480	(340)	11.6	(8.2)
Taylor	5,630	(5,610)	5,100	(5,150)	540	(460)	9.5	(8.2)
Tucker	3,620	(3,560)	3,260	(3,300)	370	(270)	10.2	(7.5)
Tyler	4,870	(4,820)	4,540	(4,550)	330	(270)	6.8	(5.6)
Upshur	9,180	(9,000)	8,010	(8,170)	1,170	(820)	12.7	(9.2)
Wayne	15,780	(15,810)	14,460	(14,630)	1,330	(1,170)	8.4	(7.4)
Webster	3,040	(3,030)	2,600	(2,630)	440	(400)	14.6	(13.2)
Wetzel	9,590	(9,460)	8,880	(8,890)	720	(570)	7.5	(6.0)
Wirt	2,110	(2,190)	1,840	(1,980)	260	(210)	12.5	(9.5)
Wood	40,990	(40,750)	38,330	(38,530)	2,670	(2,220)	6.5	(5.5)
Wyoming	6,690	(6,820)	6,040	(6,150)	650	(670)	9.7	(9.9)
Statewide	743,000	(738,600)	683,000	(688,700)	60,000	(49,900)	8.1	(6.8)

All data have been revised to March 1990 benchmark.
The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

December 1991

(Revised November 1991 in parentheses)

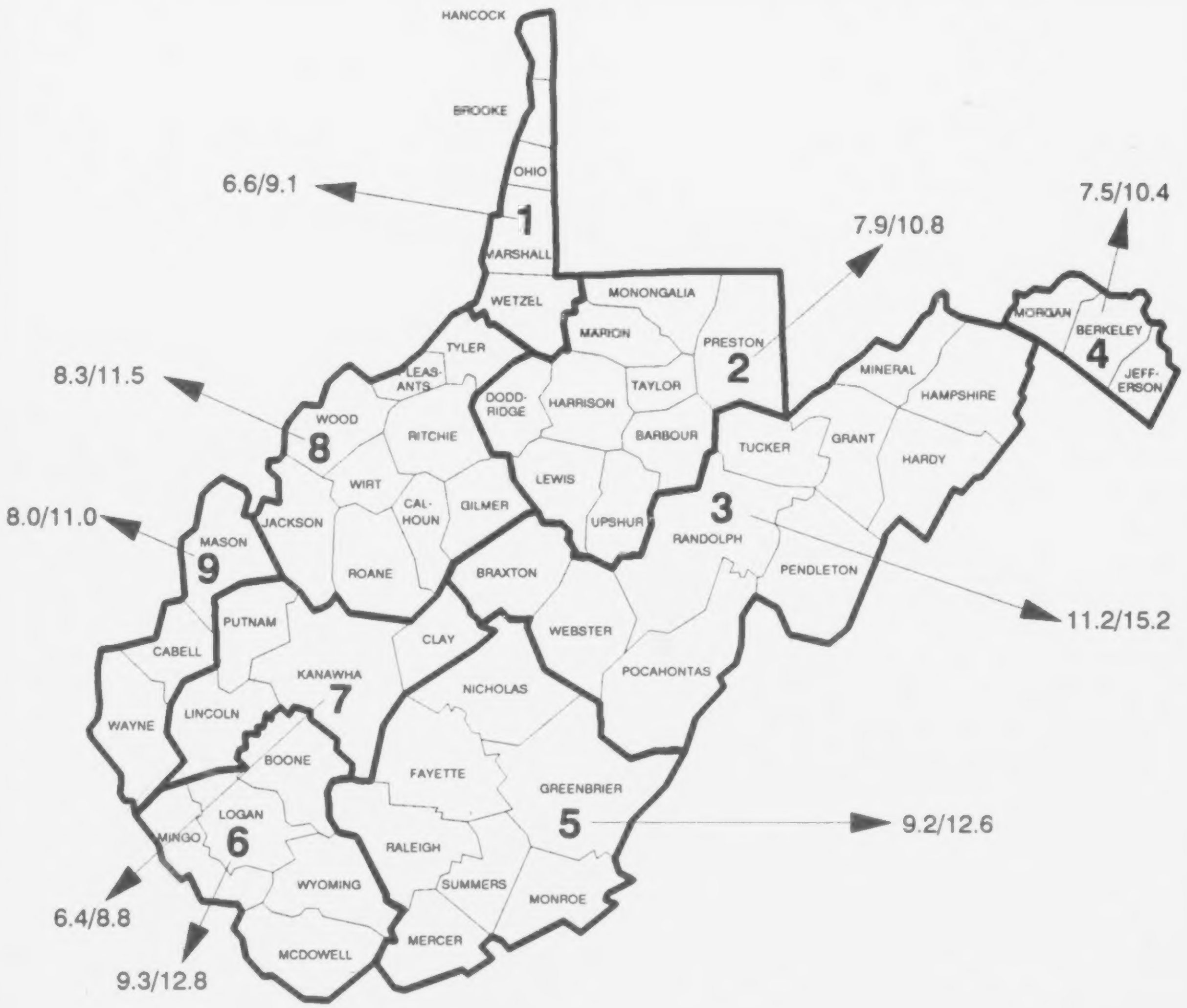
APPROVED BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	5,750	(5,580)	4,480	(4,490)	1,280	(1,090)	22.2	(19.5)
Berkeley	31,650	(31,130)	28,220	(28,410)	3,430	(2,730)	10.8	(8.8)
Boone	8,530	(8,600)	7,430	(7,490)	1,100	(1,110)	12.9	(12.9)
Braxton	5,780	(5,670)	4,470	(4,550)	1,310	(1,120)	22.7	(19.[illegible])
Brooke	10,590	(10,600)	9,520	(9,620)	1,060	(980)	10.0	(9.2)
Cabell	45,480	(46,010)	41,090	(41,640)	4,390	(4,360)	9.6	(9.5)
Calhoun	3,070	(3,040)	2,400	(2,420)	680	(620)	22.0	(20.5)
Clay	3,260	(3,330)	2,670	(2,700)	590	(630)	18.1	(18.9)
Doddridge	2,330	(2,350)	2,170	(2,190)	160	(170)	7.0	(7.1)
Fayette	17,850	(18,120)	15,430	(15,570)	2,420	(2,550)	13.5	(14.1)
Gilmer	3,170	(3,190)	2,770	(2,910)	410	(270)	12.8	(8.5)
Grant	5,300	(5,030)	4,470	(4,560)	830	(470)	15.7	(9.3)
Greenbrier	15,880	(16,180)	13,460	(13,950)	2,420	(2,220)	15.2	(13.7)
Hampshire	7,830	(8,210)	6,690	(7,150)	1,140	(1,050)	14.5	(12.8)
Hancock	13,950	(14,140)	12,760	(12,890)	1,190	(1,250)	8.5	(8.8)
Hardy	7,390	(6,490)	5,760	(6,010)	1,630	(480)	22.1	(7.4)
Harrison	30,040	(30,020)	26,530	(26,820)	3,510	(3,210)	11.7	(10.7)
Jackson	10,900	(10,850)	9,590	(9,630)	1,310	(1,230)	12.0	(11.3)
Jefferson	21,280	(21,250)	19,170	(19,510)	2,120	(1,730)	9.9	(8.2)
Kanawha	101,900	(102,040)	94,010	(94,780)	7,890	(7,260)	7.7	(7.1)
Lewis	8,060	(7,990)	6,650	(6,820)	1,410	(1,170)	17.5	(14.6)
Lincoln	8,050	(8,040)	6,890	(6,890)	1,160	(1,160)	14.5	(14.4)
Logan	13,960	(12,280)	12,360	(10,560)	1,600	(1,710)	11.5	(14.0)
McDowell	6,920	(6,960)	5,570	(5,620)	1,350	(1,340)	19.5	(19.2)
Marion	23,470	(24,000)	20,800	(21,190)	2,670	(2,810)	11.4	(11.7)
Marshall	15,580	(15,540)	13,670	(13,790)	1,920	(1,760)	12.3	(11.3)
Mason	10,580	(10,570)	8,870	(9,090)	1,710	(1,480)	16.1	(14.0)
Mercer	27,650	(27,780)	24,970	(25,210)	2,690	(2,570)	9.7	(9.3)
Mineral	10,900	(10,940)	10,030	(10,070)	860	(870)	7.9	(8.0)
Mingo	11,410	(11,630)	10,280	(10,250)	1,120	(1,380)	9.9	(11.8)
Monongalia	42,220	(42,600)	39,790	(40,260)	2,430	(2,340)	5.8	(5.5)
Monroe	5,190	(5,400)	4,740	(4,920)	440	(490)	8.6	(9.0)
Morgan	5,370	(5,460)	4,870	(4,960)	500	(500)	9.3	(9.1)
Nicholas	9,880	(9,770)	8,070	(8,180)	1,810	(1,590)	18.3	(16.2)
Ohio	24,800	(25,080)	23,160	(23,360)	1,650	(1,720)	6.6	(6.9)
Pendleton	4,200	(4,280)	3,920	(4,050)	280	(230)	6.6	(5.3)
Pleasants	2,280	(2,310)	1,920	(1,930)	360	(380)	15.6	(16.4)
Pocahontas	5,330	(4,990)	4,550	(4,370)	780	(620)	14.6	(12.5)
Preston	13,760	(13,800)	12,400	(12,540)	1,370	(1,260)	9.9	(9.1)
Putnam	17,660	(17,620)	15,770	(15,900)	1,890	(1,730)	10.7	(9.8)
Raleigh	28,820	(29,140)	25,500	(25,730)	3,320	(3,400)	11.5	(11.7)
Randolph	12,840	(12,450)	10,700	(10,840)	2,130	(1,600)	16.6	(12.9)
Ritchie	5,850	(5,760)	4,950	(5,030)	910	(730)	15.5	(12.7)
Roane	5,310	(5,220)	4,410	(4,470)	890	(740)	16.8	(14.2)
Summers	4,450	(4,460)	3,760	(3,910)	700	(550)	15.7	(12.3)
Taylor	5,980	(5,990)	5,200	(5,260)	780	(730)	13.0	(12.2)
Tucker	3,850	(3,790)	3,320	(3,370)	540	(430)	13.9	(11.2)
Tyler	5,110	(5,070)	4,630	(4,640)	480	(430)	9.4	(8.5)
Upshur	9,860	(9,670)	8,170	(8,350)	1,700	(1,320)	17.2	(13.7)
Wayne	16,670	(16,820)	14,740	(14,940)	1,930	(1,880)	11.6	(11.2)
Webster	3,290	(3,330)	2,650	(2,680)	640	(640)	19.5	(19.3)
Wetzel	10,090	(9,980)	9,050	(9,080)	1,040	(900)	10.3	(9.1)
Wirt	2,260	(2,360)	1,880	(2,020)	380	(330)	16.9	(14.1)
Wood	42,960	(42,900)	39,080	(39,340)	3,870	(3,560)	9.0	(8.3)
Wyoming	7,100	(7,350)	6,160	(6,270)	940	(1,080)	13.2	(14.6)
Statewide	783,600	(783,100)	696,600	(703,200)	87,100	(80,000)	11.1	(10.2)

All data have been revised to March 1990 benchmark.
Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

Partnership for Progress Area Unemployment Rates

WV Series / BLS Series ***December 1991***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MORGAN
BERKELEY
4
JEFF-ERSON
7.5/10.4
TYLER
LEAS-ANTS
DODD-RIDGE
HARRISON
BARBOUR
WOOD
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RITCHIE
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MINERAL
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TUCKER
GRANT
HARDY
WIRT
CAL-HOUN
GILMER
LEWIS
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RANDOLPH
PENDLETON
11.2/15.2
8.0/11.0
MASON
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JACKSON
ROANE
BRAXTON
WEBSTER
POCAHONTAS
PUTNAM
CABELL
CLAY
KANAWHA
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NICHOLAS
WAYNE
LINCOLN
BOONE
FAYETTE
GREENBRIER
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MINGO
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RALEIGH
WYOMING
SUMMERS
MONROE
MERCER
MCDOWELL
6.4/8.8
9.3/12.8

West Virginia Partnership for Progress areas continued to track seasonally during December 1991. With the exception of area six, all areas experienced an increase in the West Virginia series unemployment rate over the month. The rate in area six declined from 9.5 in November to 9.3 in December. The highest rate was recorded in area three (11.2) while the lowest rate was posted in area seven (6.4) followed closely by area one (6.6). Area three also had the distinction of recording the greatest change in the unemployment rate by advancing from 7.7 to 11.2 percent (+3.5).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Dec. '91	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	114.4	114.0	114.0
Employment	107.7	108.4	108.6
Unemployment	6.7	5.6	5.4
Rate (%)	5.9	4.9	4.8
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	128.0	128.3	128.5
Employment	119.6	120.9	121.7
Unemployment	8.4	7.4	6.8
Rate (%)	6.6	5.7	5.3
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	70.3	69.8	69.3
Employment	66.1	66.4	65.8
Unemployment	4.1	3.4	3.5
Rate (%)	5.9	4.9	5.0
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	69.2	69.0	68.5
Employment	65.1	65.5	65.5
Unemployment	4.0	3.5	3.1
Rate (%)	5.8	5.1	4.5
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	36.3	36.1	36.4
Employment	33.2	33.6	33.7
Unemployment	3.1	2.6	2.8
Rate (%)	8.4	7.1	7.6
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.2	12.0	12.0
Employment	10.5	10.6	10.6
Unemployment	1.7	1.4	1.4
Rate (%)	13.9	11.6	11.4
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	53.8	54.0	51.6
Employment	51.2	51.7	49.4
Unemployment	2.6	2.2	2.2
Rate (%)	4.9	4.2	4.2
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.5	14.3	14.5
Employment	13.4	13.4	13.4
Unemployment	1.0	0.8	1.1
Rate (%)	7.2	5.8	7.6
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	19.8	20.2	20.1
Employment	17.9	18.5	18.0
Unemployment	2.0	1.7	2.1
Rate (%)	10.0	8.4	10.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Dec. '91	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	119.6	119.7	120.3
Employment	109.8	110.7	112.1
Unemployment	9.8	9.0	8.2
Rate (%)	8.2	7.5	6.8
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	133.0	133.5	133.3
Employment	119.3	121.1	124.0
Unemployment	13.7	12.5	9.3
Rate (%)	10.3	9.3	7.0
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	73.4	73.1	73.0
Employment	67.2	67.8	67.8
Unemployment	6.2	5.2	5.2
Rate (%)	8.4	7.2	7.1
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	72.2	72.4	71.9
Employment	66.2	66.9	67.4
Unemployment	6.0	5.4	4.5
Rate (%)	8.4	7.5	6.2
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	38.3	38.4	38.9
Employment	33.9	34.3	34.8
Unemployment	4.5	4.1	4.2
Rate (%)	11.6	10.7	10.7
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	13.2	13.1	13.0
Employment	10.7	10.9	11.0
Unemployment	2.5	2.2	2.1
Rate (%)	18.6	17.0	15.8
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	56.0	56.4	54.3
Employment	52.2	52.8	51.0
Unemployment	3.8	3.6	3.3
Rate (%)	6.8	6.4	6.1
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	15.2	15.1	15.5
Employment	13.7	13.7	13.8
Unemployment	1.5	1.3	1.7
Rate (%)	10.0	8.9	10.7
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.1	21.6	21.7
Employment	18.2	18.9	18.6
Unemployment	2.9	2.7	3.1
Rate (%)	13.6	12.6	14.3

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment declined slightly (-100) during December 1991 in the Charleston MSA. The local goods-producing sector fell by 500 over the month, while service-producing industries advanced by 400 jobs. Construction employment continued its seasonal decline (-500) in the goods-producing industries with government (+300) and retail trade (+200) advancing in the service-producing sector. Comparison with year-ago data reveals nonfarm payroll employment unchanged over the period. Notable losses occurred in retail trade (-500). On a positive note, services increased by 600 over the year totally within the health service industry (+600).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Resident-based total unemployment increased significantly (+1,100) during December 1991. The corresponding unemployment rate increased to 5.9 percent of the MSA civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago figures indicates unemployment up by 1,300, with the unemployment rate increasing from 4.8 percent to the current 5.9 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Dec. '91	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*
Labor Force	114.4	114.0	114.0
Employment	107.7	108.4	108.6
Unemployment	6.7	5.6	5.4
Rate (%)	5.9	4.9	4.8

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Dec. '91	*Revised Nov.'91*	*Revised Dec. '90*
Labor Force	119.6	119.7	120.3
Employment	109.8	110.7	112.1
Unemployment	9.8	9.0	8.2
Rate (%)	8.2	7.5	6.8

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Dec. '91	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*	*Nov. 1991*	*Dec. 1990*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	113.7	113.8	113.7	-0.1	0.0
PRIVATE SECTOR	93.8	94.2	93.8	-0.4	0.0
GOODS-PRODUCING	17.9	18.4	17.8	-0.5	0.1
Mining	2.3	2.3	2.1	0.0	0.2
Construction	4.7	5.2	5.1	-0.5	-0.4
Manufacturing	10.9	10.9	10.6	0.0	0.3
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	9.0	9.0	8.8	0.0	0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.6	7.6	7.4	0.0	0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	95.8	95.4	95.9	0.4	-0.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	9.1	9.2	9.2	-0.1	-0.1
Trade	29.8	29.6	30.3	0.2	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	7.2	7.2	7.2	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	22.6	22.4	23.1	0.2	-0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.5	6.5	6.6	0.0	-0.1
Services	30.5	30.5	29.9	0.0	0.6
Health Services	11.3	11.3	10.7	0.0	0.6
Government	19.9	19.6	19.9	0.3	0.0
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.0	0.2
State	9.5	9.2	9.5	0.3	0.0
Local	8.5	8.5	8.7	0.0	-0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.4	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			**Average Weekly Hours**			**Average Hourly Earnings**		
	Prelim. Dec. '91	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*	*Prelim. Dec. '91*	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*	*Prelim. Dec. '91*	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*
Manufacturing	$649.15	$630.48	$579.21	44.1	44.4	44.9	$14.72	$14.20	$12.90
Nondurable Goods	711.66	686.28	606.60	45.3	45.6	45.1	15.71	15.05	13.45
Chemicals & Allied Products	804.76	780.00	688.36	47.2	48.0	46.7	17.05	16.25	14.74

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA declined by 500 in December 1991. The goods-producing sector decreased by 300 during December, as construction (-300) and manufacturing (-100) both declined. Mining was the only goods-producing industry to post a gain, advancing by 100 jobs. The service-producing industries decreased by 200 jobs in December; government (-100) and services (-100) posted the decreases. Nonfarm payroll employment fell 1,700 over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA increased by 1,000 in December 1991. This increase was reflected in the surge of the unemployment rate from 5.7 to 6.6 percent over the month. The current level of unemployment reflects an increase of 1600 over the year.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Dec. '91	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*
Labor Force	128.0	128.3	128.5
Employment	119.6	120.9	121.7
Unemployment	8.4	7.4	6.8
Rate (%)	6.6	5.7	5.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Dec. '91	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*
Labor Force	133.0	133.5	133.3
Employment	119.3	121.1	124.0
Unemployment	13.7	12.5	9.3
Rate (%)	10.3	9.3	7.0

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Dec. '91	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*	*Change From: Nov. 1991*	*Change From: Dec. 1990*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	111.4	111.9	113.1	-0.5	-1.7
PRIVATE SECTOR	91.6	92.0	93.6	-0.4	-2.0
GOODS-PRODUCING	25.6	25.9	26.8	-0.3	-1.2
Mining	1.6	1.5	1.5	0.1	0.1
Construction	4.7	5.0	4.8	-0.3	-0.1
Manufacturing	19.3	19.4	20.5	-0.1	-1.2
Durable Goods	11.2	11.3	12.3	-0.1	-1.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.3	7.3	7.8	0.0	-0.5
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.5	2.9	-0.1	-0.5
Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.1	8.2	0.0	-0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.2	4.2	4.4	0.0	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	85.8	86.0	86.3	-0.2	-0.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.5	7.5	8.1	0.0	-0.6
Trade	29.0	29.0	29.5	0.0	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.5	5.7	-0.1	-0.3
Retail Trade	23.6	23.5	23.8	0.1	-0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	4.0	4.0	3.8	0.0	0.2
Services	25.5	25.6	25.4	-0.1	0.1
Health Services	10.7	10.7	10.7	0.0	0.0
Government	19.8	19.9	19.5	-0.1	0.3
Federal	3.0	3.0	2.8	0.0	0.2
State	5.2	5.3	5.1	-0.1	0.1
Local	11.6	11.6	11.6	0.0	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.1	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			**Average Weekly Hours**			**Average Hourly Earnings**		
	Prelim. Dec.'91	***Revised Nov.'91***	***Revised Dec.'90***	***Prelim. Dec.'91***	***Revised Nov.'91***	***Revised Dec.'90***	***Prelim. Dec.'91***	***Revised Nov.'91***	***Revised Dec.'90***
Manufacturing	$574.0	$605.05	$531 33	41.3	41.3	39.8	$13.90	$14.65	$13.35
Durable Goods	594.79	620.74	556.37	40.6	41.0	40.2	14.65	15.14	13.84
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	521.66	538.65	561.66	41.8	43.3	44.4	12.48	12.44	12.65
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	666.97	708.47	566.96	40.3	40.6	37.3	16.55	17.45	15.20
Nondurable Goods	543.14	579.90	493.61	42.4	41.6	39.3	12.81	13.94	12.56

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment gained 200 during December 1991 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. Goods-producing businesses lost 100 jobs for the thirty day period, however. A decline in construction (-200) was offset somewhat by a mild increase in manufacturing (+100). The service-producing sector provided 300 additional jobs in December. Advances were recorded in transportation and public utilities (+100) and trade (+200). Compared to December 1990, total nonfarm payroll employment in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA added 300 jobs. Goods-producing employment did not realize any such gains. A decline in construction (-500) and in manufacturing (-300) accounted for all goods-producing losses. During the same period, the service-producing sector produced 1,100 new jobs. Increases were registered in transportation and public utilities (+100), trade (+100), services (+600), and government (+300).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Within the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA the number of unemployed grew by 700 during December 1991. The unemployment rate reflected this change by increasing from 4.9 to 5.9 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to December 1990 the unemployment rate increased from 5.0 to 5.9 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Dec. '91	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*
Labor Force	70.3	69.8	69.3
Employment	66.1	66.4	65.8
Unemployment	4.1	3.4	3.5
Rate (%)	5.9	4.9	5.0

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Dec. '91	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*
Labor Force	73.4	73.1	73.0
Employment	67.2	67.8	67.8
Unemployment	6.2	5.2	5.2
Rate (%)	8.4	7.2	7.1

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Dec. '91	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*	*Change From: Nov. 1991*	*Change From: Dec. 1990*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	62.4	62.2	62.1	0.2	0.3
PRIVATE SECTOR	52.4	52.2	52.4	0.2	0.0
GOODS-PRODUCING	17.0	17.1	17.8	-0.1	-0.8
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.4	2.6	2.9	-0.2	-0.5
Manufacturing	14.1	14.0	14.4	0.1	-0.3
Durable Goods	6.9	6.8	7.1	0.1	-0.2
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.9	2.8	3.1	0.1	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	7.2	7.2	7.3	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.4	5.4	5.5	0.0	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	45.4	45.1	44.3	0.3	1.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.5	2.4	2.4	0.1	0.1
Trade	15.5	15.3	15.4	0.2	0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	12.7	12.5	12.6	0.2	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Services	15.2	15.2	14.6	0.0	0.6
Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.5	0.0	0.2
Government	10.0	10.0	9.7	0.0	0.3
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.0	0.2
State	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.0	0.1
Local	6.8	6.8	6.8	0.0	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			**Average Weekly Hours**			**Average Hourly Earnings**		
	Prelim. Dec. '91	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*	*Prelim. Dec. '91*	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*	*Prelim. Dec. '91*	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*
Manufacturing	$597.25	$602.45	$585.50	42.6	42.1	42.8	$14.02	$14.31	$13.68
Durable Goods	488.03	510.72	501.02	40.2	39.9	40.8	12.14	12.80	12.28
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	552.52	569.62	549.79	42.6	41.7	45.4	12.97	13.66	12.11
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	480.82	534.14	507.28	37.8	38.4	37.3	12.72	13.91	13.60
Nondurable Goods	730.73	713.66	688.56	45.5	44.8	45.3	16.06	15.93	15.20

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment decreased slightly (-100) during December 1991 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA. The goods-producing sector had a slight decrease (-300) during the month. Manufacturing (nondurable goods) decreased 100 while construction experienced a seasonal decrease of 200. Mining remained stable with no change. The service-producing sector experienced an increase of 200 during December. Trade and government each increased 100. Transportation and public utilities, finance, insurance and real estate and services all remained stable with no change for the month. Comparison with year-ago December 1990 data reflects a decrease of 200 in nonfarm payroll. The service-producing sector had an increase of 200 while the goods-producing sector showed a substantial decrease of 400. Construction decreased 200 while mining and manufacturing each decreased 100. Services (+500), government (+300) and finance, insurance, and real estate (+100) all had increases, while transportation and public utilities remained stable. Trade had a very large decrease (-700) with most of this decrease found in retail trade (-600).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment for December increased significantly by 500. The MSA unemployment rate also increased from 5.1 percent to 5.8 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago December 1990 reveals unemployment increased by 900 while the unemployment rate rose from 4.5 percent to the current 5.8 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Dec. '91	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*
Labor Force	69.2	69.0	68.5
Employment	65.1	65.5	65.5
Unemployment	4.0	3.5	3.1
Rate (%)	5.8	5.1	4.5

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Dec. '91	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*
Labor Force	72.2	72.4	71.9
Employment	66.2	66.9	67.4
Unemployment	6.0	5.4	4.5
Rate (%)	8.4	7.5	6.2

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Dec. '91	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*	*Nov. 1991*	*Dec. 1990*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	60.4	60.5	60.6	-0.1	-0.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	51.0	51.2	51.5	-0.2	-0.5
GOODS-PRODUCING	11.0	11.3	11.4	-0.3	-0.4
Mining	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.0	-0.1
Construction	1.7	1.9	1.9	-0.2	-0.2
Manufacturing	7.1	7.2	7.2	-0.1	-0.1
Durable Goods	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.4	4.4	-0.1	-0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	49.4	49.2	49.2	0.2	0.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0
Trade	16.0	15.9	16.7	0.1	-0.7
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.7	2.8	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	13.3	13.2	13.9	0.1	-0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.0	0.1
Services	17.6	17.6	17.1	0.0	0.5
Health Services	7.8	7.8	7.6	0.0	0.2
Government	9.4	9.3	9.1	0.1	0.3
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	2.0	1.9	1.8	0.1	0.2
Local	6.7	6.7	6.6	0.0	0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			**Average Weekly Hours**			**Average Hourly Earnings**		
	Prelim. Dec. '91	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*	*Prelim. Dec. '91*	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*	*Prelim. Dec. '91*	*Revised Nov. '91*	*Revised Dec. '90*
Manufacturing	$638.74	$647.55	$570.68	43.6	45.0	41.9	$14.65	$14.39	$13.62
Nondurable Goods	667.42	664.97	644.11	44.2	44.9	43.2	15.10	14.81	14.91
Durable Goods	605.87	626.44	480.38	43.0	45.1	40.3	14.09	13.89	11.92

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

	Applicants Available Program Year to Date	*Active File*	*NONFARM JOB OPENINGS*				*Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date*	*Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month*
Occupational Category			*Received Program Year to Date*	*UNFILLED Total*	*30 Days or More*	*FILLED Total*		
TOTAL	139,466	68,068	20,616	2,040	1,465	15,866	6.8	33.4
Professional, Technical & Managerial	14,367	7,123	636	163	108	252	22.6	43.7
Clerical & Sales	36,871	16,266	4,055	604	412	2,667	9.1	26.9
Services	16,566	7,262	3,160	288	176	2,159	5.2	25.2
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,166	562	52	8	8	29	22.4	70.3
Processing	7,351	4,022	485	105	90	443	15.2	38.3
Machine Trades	9,624	5,252	604	86	54	393	15.9	61.1
Benchwork	5,898	3,118	343	109	75	191	17.2	28.6
Structural Work	23,774	13,238	1,194	204	149	711	19.9	64.9
Miscellaneous	28,983	12,809	10,087	473	393	9,021	2.9	27.1
Transportation	6,417	3,408	558	75	42	329	11.5	45.4
Packaging & Materials Handling	16,714	5,847	9,111	301	261	8,434	1.8	19.4
Other	5,852	3,554	418	97	90	258	14.0	36.6
Entry Total	20	4	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

	Dec. 1991	*Nov. 1991*	*Dec. 1990*	*Percent Change: Nov. 1991*	*Percent Change: Dec. 1990*
Initial Claims	**13,598**	8,909	9,397	52.6	44.7
Weeks Claimed	**109,148**	75,389	77,785	44.8	40.3
Benefits Paid	**$13,853,871**	$9,479,745	$10,142,285	46.1	36.6
Weeks Compensated	**90,099**	60,402	66,362	49.2	35.8
Average Weekly Payment	**$153.76**	$156.94	$152.83	-2.0	0.6
Trust Fund Balance, End of Month	**$149,736,209**	$161,896,648	$147,706,528	-7.5	1.4

Workers' Compensation

Select Workers' Compensation Claims Activities

	Dec. 1991	Nov. 1991	Dec. 1990	*Percent Change:* Nov. 1991	Dec. 1990
Temporary Disability Benefits Paid	8,293,464	5,706,450	5,422,063	45.3	53.0
Medical Benefits Paid	6,792,500	7,883,597	7,284,878	-13.8	-6.8
Permanent Partial Disability Benefits Paid	2,876,859	4,057,748	2,560,755	-29.1	12.3
Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	8,263,538	8,365,686	6,018,029	-1.2	37.3
Benefits to Dependents of Fatalities	1,994,263	1,668,804	1.389,976	19.5	43.5
Funeral Benefits Paid	31,269	17,500	9,500	78.7	229.1
Miscellaneous Benefits Paid*	104,915	245,125	362,096	-57.2	-71.0
DWRF** Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	622,460	617,525	607,028	0.8	2.5
DWRF** Benefits Paid to Dependents of Fatalities	1,008,925	1,039,324	994,087	-2.9	1.5
Sum of All Benefits Paid	29,988,193	29,603,758	24,648,414	1.3	21.7

** Includes returned benefit checks, attorney fees and specified dependent benefits.*
*** Disabled Workers' Relief Fund provides benefits to meet the weekly minimum benefit payable for worker's injured prior to July 1, 1971.*

Select Job Training Partnership Act Characteristics

Performance Standard Report
July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991

Job Training Program	**Standard**	**Actual**
Entered Employment Rate - Adults	68	68
Average Wage at Placements Adults	4.95	4.81
Cost Per Entered Employment Adults	4,500	2,284
Entered Employment Rate - Welfare Recipients	56	58
Entered Employment Rate - Youth (Out of School Programs)	45	53
Positive Termination Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	75	85
Cost Per Positive Termination - Youth	4,900	2,101
Employability Enhancement Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	33	52

Characteristics	**Enrolled**	**Positive Outlook***
Adult	8,582	6,951
Female	5,406	4,379
Male	3,176	2,572
Youth	7,326	5,495
Female	3,882	2,912
Male	3,444	2,583
School Dropout	**	2,341
High School Graduate /Equivalent or above	**	6,355
Single Parent	**	2,777
Black	**	904
Hispanic	**	35
Handicapped	**	1,059
Unemployed	**	6,648
Welfare	**	2,841
Veterans	**	772

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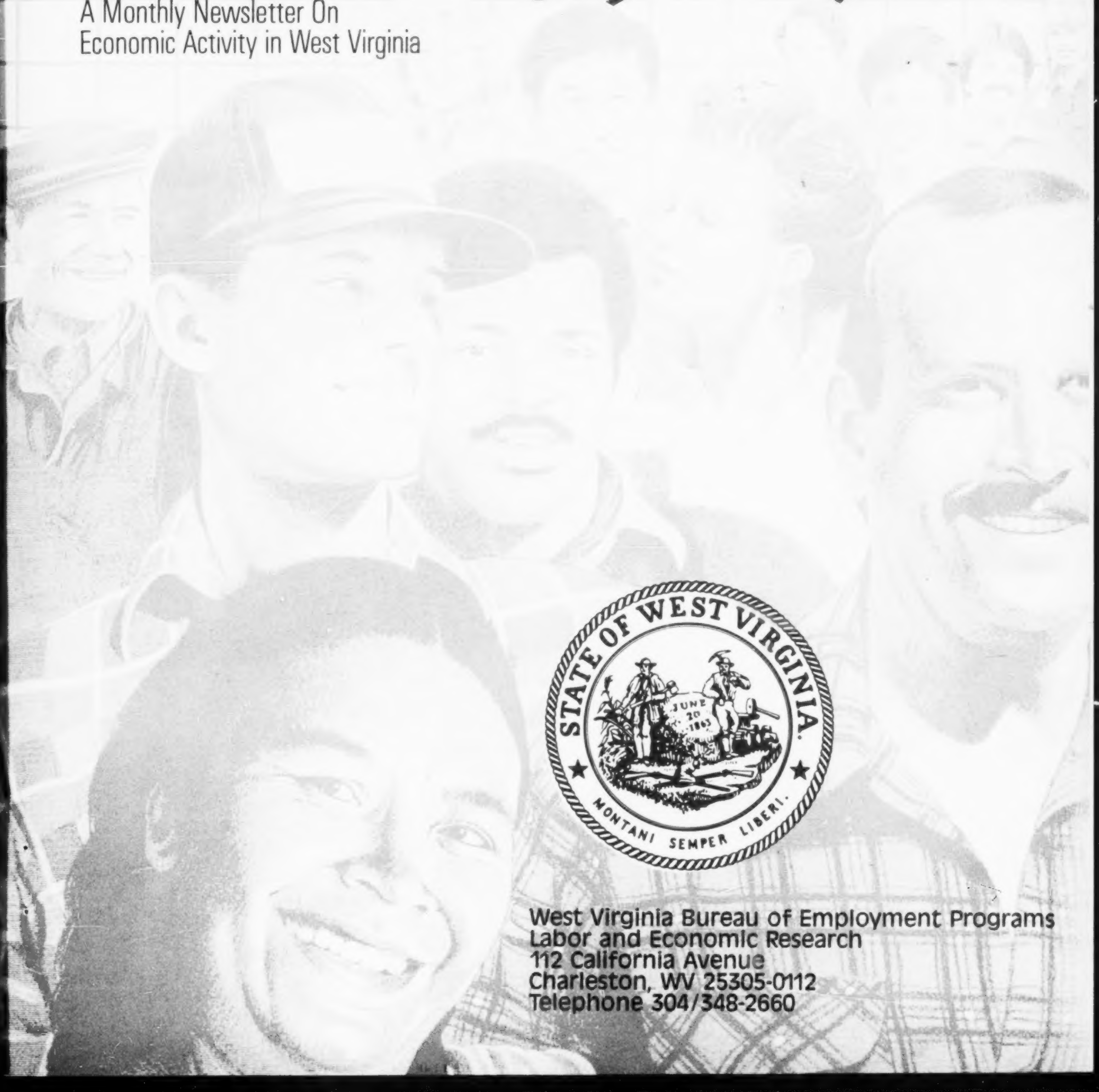

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This Month...

Now that all the numbers are in, the ***Annual Statistical Supplement*** brings in the new to compare with the old. Also special is an update of a previous article, ***The Geography of the Recession***, which shows the state's economy still holding firm.

Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force in West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	*Prelim. Jan. '92*	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*	*Change from: Dec. 1991*	*Change from: Jan. 1991*
Civilian Labor Force	733.3	744.5	726.4	-11.2	6.9
Total Employment	667.8	685.0	664.9	-17.2	2.9
Total Unemployment	65.4	59.5	61.6	5.9	3.8
Unemployment Rate	8.9	8.0	8.5	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*					
Civilian Labor Force	789.9	786.2	772.7	3.7	17.2
Total Employment	680.2	698.3	688.5	-18.1	-8.3
Total Unemployment	109.6	87.9	84.2	21.7	25.4
Unemployment Rate	13.9	11.2	10.9	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment in West Virginia contracted by 17,200 between December and January. There were 667,800 state residents who held jobs in January 1992, 2,900 more than a year ago. While employment always declines seasonally in January, employment growth in the state has started to stagnate as the national recession drags on.

Payroll employment in the nonfarm sectors of West Virginia's economy retreated to 620,900 over the month. Mining fell slightly, as oil and gas extraction dropped 200 in response to soft natural gas prices while coal mining dipped only 100. Construction's decrease of 3,700 was largely seasonal, the result of winter weather discouraging outdoor construction work. Primary metals manufacturing declined 200, while industrial machinery experienced a loss of 200 as layoffs from a large plant closing were completed. Among service-producing industries, after-Christmas losses in retail trade obscured the fact that enough new stores and malls have opened in recent months to overcome the employment drain of last winter's closing of a statewide chain of apparel stores. Services experienced seasonal downturns in amusements, business services, agricultural services and private educational services, which were partially counteracted by a boost to personal services from temporary tax season employees. Transportation's January cutback of 600 was seasonal as well. Government had a net loss of 3,100, caused in large part by temporary fluctuations among part-time and student workers in the public education sector.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents increased by 5,900 during January, to a level of 65,400 statewide. The rate of unemployment rose to 8.9 percent for January, up from 8.0 percent in December. An unemployment increase always occurs at this time of year.

West Virginia Economic Indicators

	Jan. 1992	*Dec. 1991*	*Jan. 1991*
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.6	40.9	40.5
Seasonally Adjusted	40.7	40.7	40.6
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,547	2,569	2,586
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$487.20	$492.44	$472.64
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	47.9	44.8	46.0
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$887.59	$833.73	$853.30
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	*INA	13,078	13,257
Seasonally Adjusted	*INA	13,663	13,304
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,259	1,199	1,212
Seasonally Adjusted	1,166	1,213	1,123
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	6,268	5,040	5,127
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,868	1,726	2,041
Seasonally Adjusted	1,181	1,461	1,290
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	3,756	3,090	3,945
Seasonally Adjusted	1,861	2,479	1,955
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	5.1	4.2	4.7
Seasonally Adjusted	3.7	4.0	3.4
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted	7.4	7.9	7.0

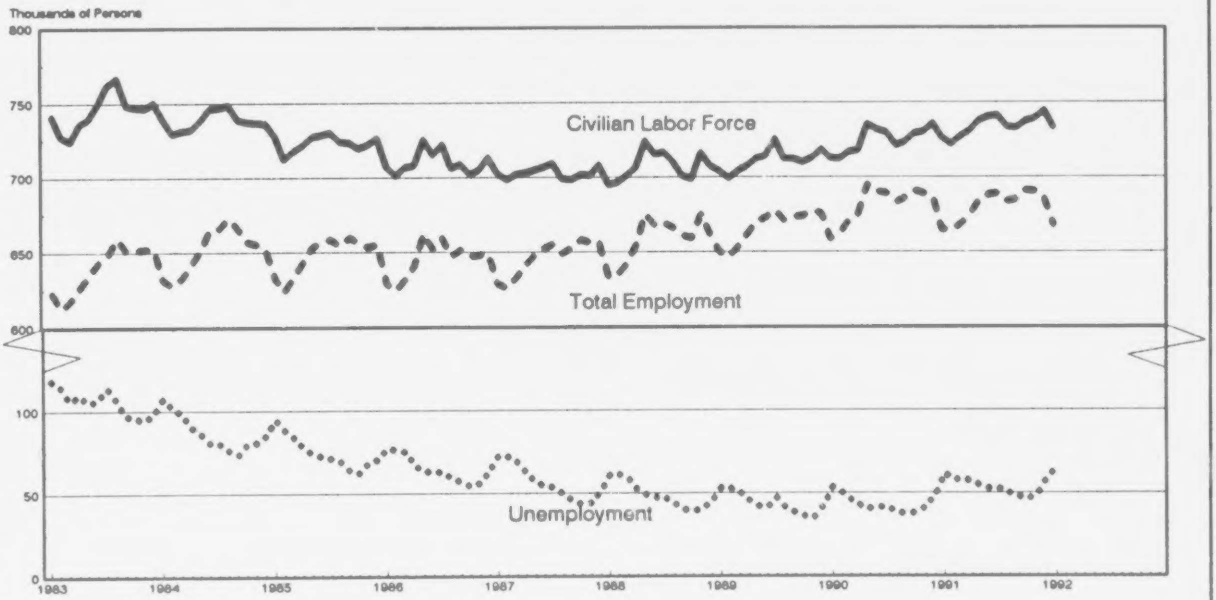
**January 1992 data not available*

Selected National Data

	Jan. 1992	*Dec. 1991*	*Jan. 1991*
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	8.0	6.8	7.0
Seasonally Adjusted	7.1	7.1	6.2
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	138.1	137.9	134.6
1967 Base	413.8	413.0	403.1
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	121.7	121.9	122.3
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000)			
Week including 12th, Unadjusted	692.5	561.6	863.1
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	3.9	3.3	3.7
Seasonally Adjusted	3.2	3.3	3.0
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	$355.24	$364.00	$344.41
Average Weekly Hours	33.8	34.7	33.7
Average Hourly Earnings	$10.51	$10.49	$10.22

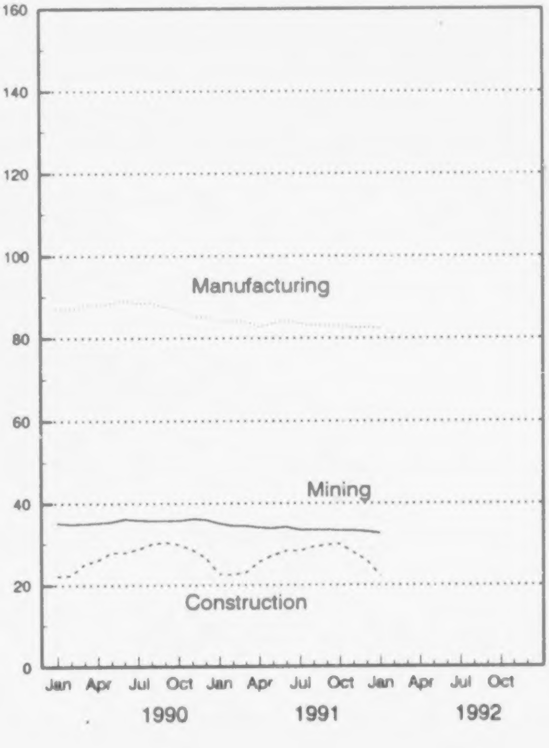
Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Total Employment, Unemployment and Civilian Labor Force



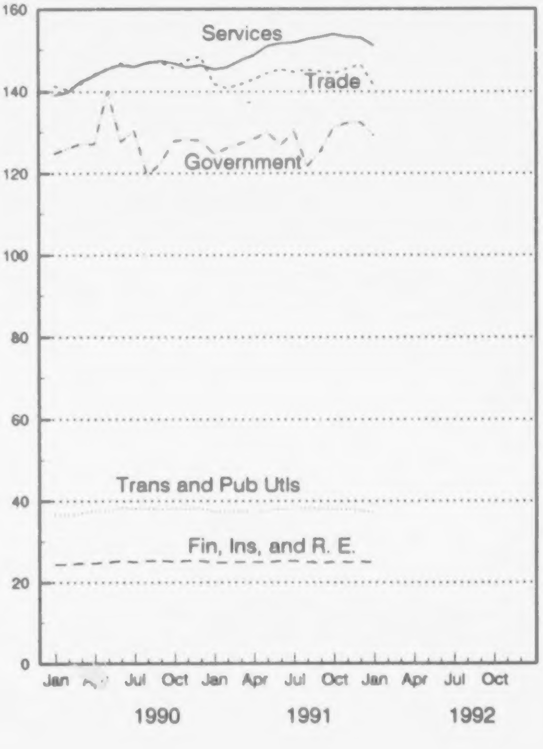
Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Service Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Jan.'92	***Revised Dec.'91***	***Revised Jan.'91***	***Dec. 1991***	***Jan. 1991***
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	620.9	636.2	616.0	-15.3	4.9
PRIVATE SECTOR	491.7	503.9	491.3	-12.2	0.4
GOODS-PRODUCING	137.1	141.5	142.0	-4.4	-4.9
Mining	32.6	33.0	35.0	-0.4	-2.4
Coal Mining	27.4	27.5	29.6	-0.1	-2.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.3	4.5	4.5	-0.2	-0.2
Other Mining	0.9	1.0	0.9	-0.1	0.0
Construction	22.2	25.9	22.6	-3.7	-0.4
General Building Contractors	5.9	6.8	6.0	-0.9	-0.1
Heavy Construction	5.1	6.4	6.0	-1.3	-0.9
Special Trade Contractors	11.2	12.7	10.6	-1.5	0.6
Manufacturing	82.3	82.6	84.4	-0.3	-2.1
Durable Goods	45.0	45.2	47.3	-0.2	-2.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.8	7.8	7.6	0.0	0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.0	7.1	7.4	-0.1	-0.4
Primary Metals Industries	13.1	13.3	13.6	-0.2	-0.5
Fabricated Metal Products	5.6	5.5	5.5	0.1	0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.8	5.0	5.9	-0.2	-1.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	1.8	1.7	2.4	0.1	-0.6
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.2	2.4	0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	37.3	37.4	37.1	-0.1	0.2
Food & Kindred Products	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.1	4.2	4.0	-0.1	0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.0	1.1	1.1	-0.1	-0.1
Printing & Publishing	5.2	5.2	5.2	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	17.1	17.1	17.3	0.0	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.8	4.7	0.1	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	483.8	494.7	474.0	-10.9	9.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.2	37.8	37.3	-0.6	-0.1
Railroad Transportation	3.6	3.7	3.9	-0.1	-0.3
Trucking & Warehousing	9.9	10.4	9.7	-0.5	0.2
Other Transportation	3.4	3.5	3.2	-0.1	0.2
Communications	8.0	8.0	8.2	0.0	-0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.3	12.2	12.3	0.1	0.0
Trade	141.5	146.5	141.8	-5.0	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	29.9	30.0	29.9	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	111.6	116.5	111.9	-4.9	-0.3
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	4.5	4.7	4.4	-0.2	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	16.6	18.3	16.1	-1.7	0.5
Food Stores	22.5	22.8	22.1	-0.3	0.4
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.3	14.3	14.3	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.6	5.4	6.0	-0.8	-1.4
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.1	4.3	4.3	-0.2	-0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	33.0	34.1	32.9	-1.1	0.1
Miscellaneous Retail	12.0	12.6	11.8	-0.6	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.8	25.1	24.8	-0.3	0.0
Finance	14.0	14.0	14.0	0.0	0.0
Insurance	6.7	6.8	6.9	-0.1	-0.2
Real Estate	4.1	4.3	3.9	-0.2	0.2
Services	151.1	153.0	145.4	-1.9	5.7
Agricultural Services	2.0	2.4	2.0	-0.4	0.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	7.9	7.9	7.9	0.0	0.0
Personal Services	6.6	6.0	6.6	0.6	0.0
Business Services	13.8	14.3	13.9	-0.5	-0.1
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.7	5.7	5.6	0.0	0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	4.8	5.4	4.6	-0.6	0.2
Health Services	59.1	59.1	56.0	0.0	3.1
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.9	10.9	10.4	0.0	0.5
Hospitals	29.5	29.5	28.1	0.0	1.4
Other Health Services	18.7	18.7	17.5	0.0	1.2
Legal Services	4.1	4.2	3.9	-0.1	0.2
Educational Services	5.8	6.7	5.7	-0.9	0.1
Social Services	12.8	12.8	11.4	0.0	1.4
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.6	19.6	0.0	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	8.0	8.0	7.3	0.0	0.7
Government	129.2	132.3	124.7	-3.1	4.5
Federal	17.2	17.1	16.2	0.1	1.0
Hospitals	3.2	3.2	2.9	0.0	0.3
U S Postal Service	5.1	5.0	5.0	0.1	0.1
Other Federal	8.9	8.9	8.3	0.0	0.6
State	40.2	42.9	38.0	-2.7	2.2
Hospitals	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1
Education	17.8	20.7	17.0	-2.9	0.8
Other State	19.9	19.7	18.6	0.2	1.3
Local	71.8	72.3	70.5	-0.5	1.3
Hospitals	5.0	4.9	4.9	0.1	0.1
Education	46.0	46.5	45.5	-0.5	0.5
Other Local	20.8	20.9	20.1	-0.1	0.7
Labor-Management Dispute Status	1.8	2.1	2.0	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*	*Change From: Dec. 1991*	*Change From: Jan. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	282.7	288.2	272.7	-5.5	10.0
PRIVATE SECTOR	213.4	217.4	208.4	-4.0	5.0
GOODS-PRODUCING	23.6	23.8	24.0	-0.2	-0.4
Mining	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1
Coal Mining	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.1	2.2	2.1	-0.1	0.0
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.1
Heavy Construction	0.4	0.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	19.6	19.7	19.9	-0.1	-0.3
Durable Goods	7.3	7.4	7.8	-0.1	-0.5
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.0	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.0	1.1	1.1	-0.1	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.5	0.6	0.8	-0.1	-0.3
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	12.3	12.3	12.1	0.0	0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.6	3.6	3.3	0.0	0.3
Paper & Allied Products	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.9	2.0	2.0	-0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.0	1.9	1.9	0.1	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	259.1	264.4	248.7	-5.3	10.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.1	8.3	7.9	-0.2	0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.1	0.8	-0.1	0.2
Other Transportation	0.6	0.7	0.6	-0.1	0.0
Communications	3.8	3.8	3.7	0.0	0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Trade	67.3	70.2	66.1	-2.9	1.2
Wholesale Trade	6.0	6.2	5.6	-0.2	0.4
Retail Trade	61.3	64.0	60.5	-2.7	0.8
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.7	13.0	10.8	-1.3	0.9
Food Stores	12.1	12.2	11.4	-0.1	0.7
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.6	3.5	3.3	0.1	0.3
Apparel & Accessory Stores	3.8	4.5	4.9	-0.7	-1.1
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.4	1.5	1.5	-0.1	-0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	19.7	20.1	19.1	-0.4	0.6
Miscellaneous Retail	8.1	8.3	8.7	-0.2	-0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.4	15.7	15.6	-0.3	-0.2
Finance	10.9	11.0	11.0	-0.1	-0.1
Insurance	3.1	3.2	3.1	-0.1	0.0
Real Estate	1.4	1.5	1.5	-0.1	-0.1
Services	99.0	99.4	94.8	-0.4	4.2
Agricultural Services	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.1	4.2	4.3	-0.1	-0.2
Personal Services	4.3	3.9	4.1	0.4	0.2
Business Services	7.3	7.3	7.2	0.0	0.1
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.4	2.6	2.2	-0.2	0.2
Health Services	48.7	48.6	46.0	0.1	2.7
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.8	9.8	9.2	0.0	0.6
Hospitals	24.4	24.3	23.2	0.1	1.2
Other Health Services	14.5	14.5	13.6	0.0	0.9
Legal Services	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.1
Educational Services	2.9	3.5	3.2	-0.6	-0.3
Social Services	9.1	9.2	8.2	-0.1	0.9
Membership Organizations	11.5	11.4	11.4	0.1	0.1
Engineering & Management Services	2.9	2.8	2.6	0.1	0.3
Government	69.3	70.8	64.3	-1.5	5.0
Federal	7.5	7.5	6.9	0.0	0.6
Hospitals	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.0	0.2
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	4.3	4.3	4.0	0.0	0.3
State	20.3	21.2	17.4	-0.9	2.9
Hospitals	1.8	1.7	1.7	0.1	0.1
Education	10.0	11.5	8.0	-1.5	2.0
Other State	8.5	8.0	7.7	0.5	0.8
Local	41.5	42.1	40.0	-0.6	1.5
Hospitals	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0
Education	30.1	30.8	29.0	-0.7	1.1
Other Local	7.3	7.2	6.9	0.1	0.4

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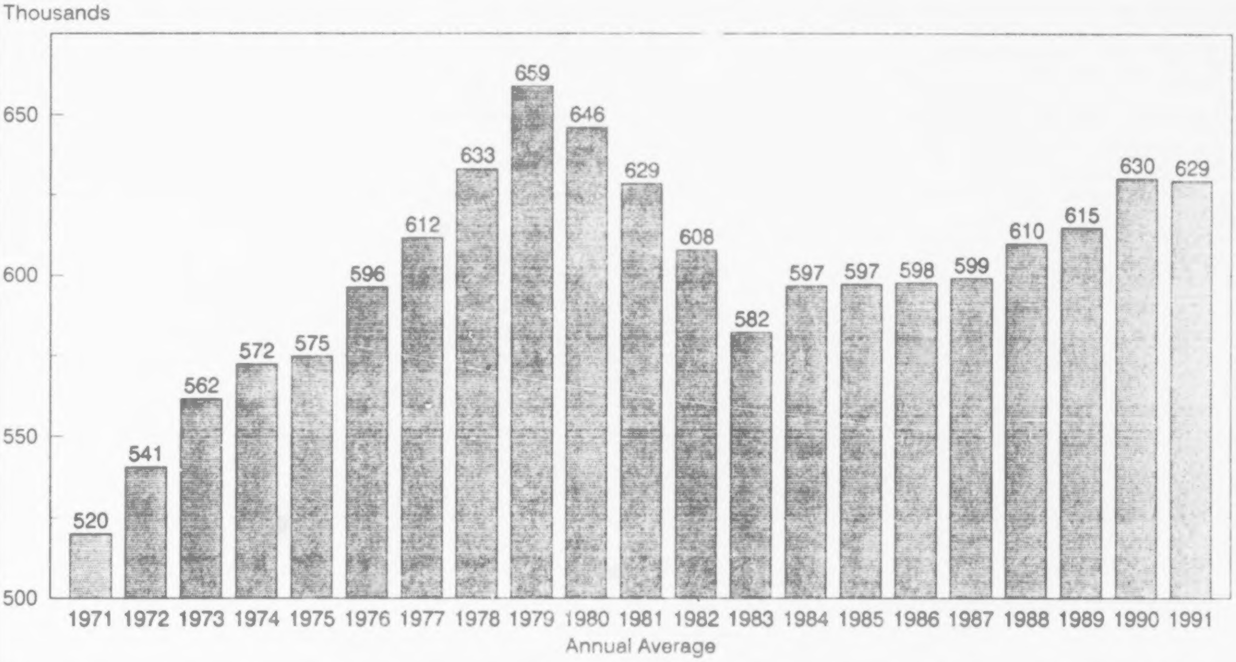
WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands)

	1991	*1990*	*1989*	*Change from:* *1990*	 *1989*
Civilian Labor Force	734.5	724.7	710.9	9.8	23.6
Total Employment	680.6	681.3	666.9	-0.7	13.7
Total Unemployment	53.9	43.5	44.0	10.4	9.9
Unemployment Rate	7.3	6.0	6.2	xx	xx

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands)

	1991	*1990*	*1989*	*Change from 1990*	*Change from 1989*
Civilian Labor Force	783.0	772.0	767.0	11.0	16.0
Total Employment	701.0	708.0	701.0	-7.0	0.0
Total Unemployment	82.0	64.0	66.0	18.0	16.0
Unemployment Rate	10.5	8.3	8.6	xx	xx

Nonfarm Payroll Employment



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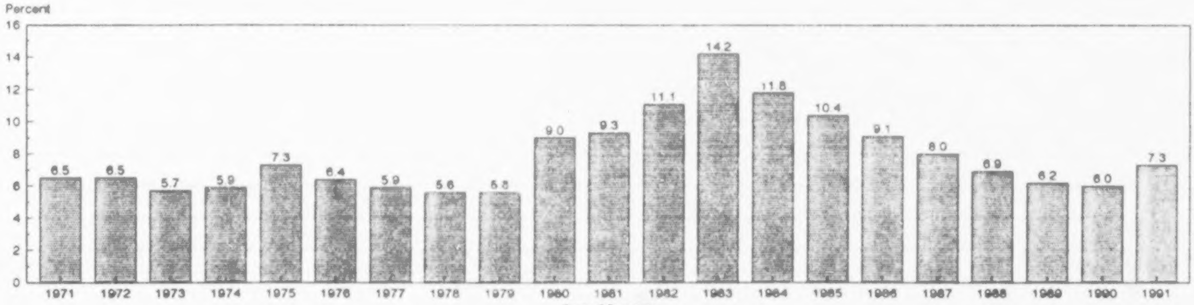

West Virginia Series

Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

Annual Averages *(In Thousands)*

				Change From:	
	1991	***1990***	***1989***	***1990***	***1989***
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	629.3	630.1	614.7	-0.8	14.6
PRIVATE SECTOR	501.3	502.7	488.8	-1.4	12.5
GOODS-PRODUCING	144.0	150.3	145.7	-6.3	-1.7
Mining	33.8	35.6	33.3	-1.8	0.5
Coal Mining	28.3	29.9	27.8	-1.6	0.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.5	4.6	4.5	-0.1	0.0
Other Mining	1.0	1.1	1.1	-0.1	-0.1
Construction	26.7	27.2	24.6	-0.5	2.1
General Building Contractors	6.8	6.8	6.5	0.0	0.3
Heavy Construction	7.5	7.8	6.3	-0.3	1.2
Special Trade Contractors	12.4	12.6	11.8	-0.2	0.6
Manufacturing	83.4	87.5	87.8	-4.1	-4.4
Durable Goods	46.0	49.3	49.7	-3.3	-3.7
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.6	7.7	7.5	-0.1	0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.3	7.7	8.0	-0.4	-0.7
Primary Metals Industries	13.5	14.7	15.1	-1.2	-1.6
Fabricated Metal Products	5.4	5.6	5.5	-0.2	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5.5	6.0	6.0	-0.5	-0.5
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.5	2.7	2.6	-0.2	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	2.0	2.4	2.6	-0.4	-0.6
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.4	2.4	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	37.4	38.2	38.1	-0.8	-0.7
Food & Kindred Products	4.0	4.2	4.0	-0.2	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.1	4.2	4.3	-0.1	-0.2
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.3	0.0	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	5.1	5.2	4.9	-0.1	0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	17.4	17.9	17.9	-0.5	-0.5
Other Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.7	4.7	0.1	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	485.4	479.8	469.0	5.6	16.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.8	37.7	36.6	0.1	1.2
Railroad Transportation	3.8	4.0	4.1	-0.2	-0.3
Trucking & Warehousing	10.0	9.7	9.0	0.3	1.0
Other Transportation	3.4	3.4	3.3	0.0	0.1
Communications	8.2	8.1	7.9	0.1	0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.4	12.5	12.3	-0.1	0.1
Trade	144.0	145.1	144.8	-1.1	-0.8
Wholesale Trade	30.1	29.8	30.1	0.3	0.0
Retail Trade	113.9	115.3	114.7	-1.4	-0.8
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	4.8	4.8	5.0	0.0	-0.2
General Merchandise Stores	16.1	16.1	17.7	0.0	-1.6
Food Stores	22.4	22.5	22.3	-0.1	0.1
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.4	14.8	14.8	-0.4	-0.4
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.4	6.4	5.4	-1.0	0.0
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.2	4.4	4.5	-0.2	-0.3
Eating & Drinking Places	34.5	34.7	34.0	-0.2	0.5
Miscellaneous Retail	11.9	11.5	11.0	0.4	0.9
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	25.0	24.9	24.1	0.1	0.9
Finance	14.0	14.1	13.8	-0.1	0.2
Insurance	6.8	6.7	6.3	0.1	0.5
Real Estate	4.1	4.1	4.0	0.0	0.1
Services	150.6	144.7	137.5	5.9	13.1
Agricultural Services	2.4	2.2	2.0	0.2	0.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.1	8.3	8.4	-0.2	-0.3
Personal Services	6.3	6.3	6.2	0.0	0.1
Business Services	14.2	14.0	13.0	0.2	1.2
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.7	6.0	5.7	-0.3	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	6.1	5.9	5.8	0.2	0.3
Health Services	57.9	55.1	52.6	2.8	5.3
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.7	10.1	9.5	0.6	1.2
Hospitals	28.9	27.7	26.9	1.2	2.0
Other Health Services	18.3	17.3	16.2	1.0	2.1
Legal Services	4.1	3.9	3.6	0.2	0.5
Educational Services	5.6	5.5	5.1	0.1	0.5
Social Services	12.2	9.4	8.1	2.8	4.1
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.5	19.4	0.1	0.2
Engineering & Management Services	7.7	8.0	7.2	-0.3	0.5
Government	128.0	127.4	125.9	0.6	2.1
Federal	16.9	17.2	16.6	-0.3	0.3
Hospitals	3.1	2.9	2.9	0.2	0.2
U S Postal Service	5.0	5.1	5.2	-0.1	-0.2
Other Federal	8.8	9.3	8.6	-0.5	0.2
State	40.0	38.9	38.8	1.1	1.2
Hospitals	2.5	2.8	3.1	-0.3	-0.6
Education	17.5	16.6	15.8	0.9	1.7
Other State	20.1	19.5	19.9	0.6	0.2
Local	71.1	71.3	70.5	-0.2	0.6
Hospitals	4.9	4.8	4.8	0.1	0.1
Education	44.9	44.8	45.6	0.1	-0.7
Other Local	21.3	21.7	20.2	-0.4	1.1

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

Annual Averages *(In Thousands)*

	1991	*1990*	*1989*	*Change From:*	
				1990	*1989*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	280.3	271.1	253.6	9.2	26.7
PRIVATE SECTOR	212.8	206.1	192.3	6.7	20.5
GOODS-PRODUCING	23.9	24.5	23.5	-0.6	0.4
Mining	2.0	2.1	1.9	-0.1	0.1
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.9	0.8	-0.1	0.0
Construction	2.2	2.2	1.7	0.0	0.5
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.2
Special Trade Contractors	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.1	0.3
Manufacturing	19.7	20.3	19.9	-0.6	-0.2
Durable Goods	7.5	7.9	7.9	-0.4	-0.4
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.2	2.3	2.3	-0.1	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.1	1.2	1.1	-0.1	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.7	0.8	0.8	-0.1	-0.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.8	0.9	0.9	-0.1	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.1
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	12.2	12.3	12.0	-0.1	0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.1	0.9	-0.1	0.1
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.4	3.5	3.4	-0.1	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.0	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.0	0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	3.0	3.1	2.9	-0.1	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.8	1.9	0.1	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	256.4	246.6	230.1	9.8	26.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.1	8.0	7.7	0.1	0.4
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.2
Other Transportation	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1
Communications	3.7	3.6	3.7	0.1	0.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
Trade	67.5	65.9	60.0	1.6	7.5
Wholesale Trade	5.9	5.5	5.2	0.4	0.7
Retail Trade	61.6	60.4	54.8	1.2	6.8
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	11.1	10.4	10.3	0.7	0.8
Food Stores	11.8	11.1	9.9	0.7	1.9
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.5	3.3	3.1	0.2	0.4
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.6	5.3	4.2	-0.7	0.4
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	20.2	19.5	17.6	0.7	2.6
Miscellaneous Retail	8.1	8.5	7.5	-0.4	0.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.6	15.6	15.1	0.0	0.5
Finance	11.0	10.7	9.9	0.3	1.1
Insurance	3.1	3.2	3.4	-0.1	-0.3
Real Estate	1.5	1.7	1.9	-0.2	-0.4
Services	97.7	92.1	85.9	5.6	11.8
Agricultural Services	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.3	4.4	3.9	-0.1	0.4
Personal Services	4.1	3.6	3.1	0.5	1.0
Business Services	7.1	6.6	5.8	0.5	1.3
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.2	1.2	-0.2	-0.2
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.8	2.7	2.4	0.1	0.4
Health Services	47.6	45.1	42.5	2.5	5.1
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.5	8.5	7.1	1.0	2.4
Hospitals	23.9	22.9	22.0	1.0	1.9
Other Health Services	14.2	13.7	13.4	0.5	0.8
Legal Services	3.3	3.1	2.8	0.2	0.5
Educational Services	3.0	3.1	2.8	-0.1	0.2
Social Services	8.9	6.6	5.6	2.3	3.3
Membership Organizations	11.5	11.6	11.5	-0.1	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	2.7	3.0	3.0	-0.3	-0.3
Government	67.5	65.0	61.4	2.5	6.1
Federal	7.3	7.5	7.0	-0.2	0.3
Hospitals	1.7	1.6	1.6	0.1	0.1
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.3	1.3	0.1	0.1
Other Federal	4.2	4.6	4.1	-0.4	0.1
State	19.2	18.0	17.0	1.2	2.2
Hospitals	1.7	1.9	2.1	-0.2	-0.4
Education	9.2	8.2	6.8	1.0	2.4
Other State	8.3	7.8	8.1	0.5	0.2
Local	41.1	39.6	37.3	1.5	3.8
Hospitals	4.1	4.0	3.9	0.1	0.2
Education	29.6	28.1	26.9	1.5	2.7
Other Local	7.4	7.5	6.6	-0.1	0.8

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia
Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

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	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	1991	*1990*	*1989*	*1991*	*1990*	*1989*	*1991*	*1990*	*1989*
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	$360.44	$350.89	$330.53	35.9	36.1	35.2	$10.04	$9.72	$9.39
Mining	777.42	756.42	693.00	44.5	44.6	42.0	17.47	16.96	16.50
Coal Mining	830.14	807.73	741.03	44.8	44.7	42.2	18.53	18.07	17.56
Oil & Gas Extraction	464.34	424.16	373.18	42.6	44.0	39.7	10.90	9.64	9.40
Other Mining	498.40	486.18	450.41	44.5	44.4	43.9	11.20	10.95	10.26
Construction	533.65	499.90	493.12	38.2	37.9	37.7	13.97	13.19	13.08
Manufacturing	477.86	469.27	454.62	40.6	40.7	40.7	11.77	11.53	11.17
Durable Goods	482.21	474.29	452.08	40.9	41.1	40.4	11.79	11.54	11.19
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	298.28	289.38	277.69	40.2	40.7	39.5	7.42	7.11	7.03
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	453.94	444.17	434.56	39.2	39.8	40.2	11.58	11.16	10.81
Primary Metals Industries	635.15	628.58	582.89	42.8	43.5	42.3	14.84	14.45	13.78
Fabricated Metal Products	435.63	417.47	391.28	39.0	38.3	37.3	11.17	10.90	10.49
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	487.22	473.49	460.15	40.5	40.4	39.6	12.03	11.72	11.62
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	572.47	518.33	469.09	43.8	41.7	40.3	13.07	12.43	11.64
Transportation Equipment	510.67	501.70	503.02	44.6	41.6	42.2	11.45	12.06	11.92
Nondurable Goods	471.55	461.95	457.44	40.2	40.1	41.1	11.73	11.52	11.13
Food & Kindred Products	368.93	361.89	351.96	37.8	39.9	41.9	9.76	9.07	8.40
Textile Mill Products	261.03	242.95	255.94	38.5	36.7	38.2	6.78	6.62	6.70
Apparel & Other Textile Products	209.90	180.94	182.00	35.1	31.8	32.5	5.98	5.69	5.60
Paper & Allied Products	321.03	379.28	320.61	41.0	43.1	41.8	7.83	8.80	7.67
Printing & Publishing	347.60	361.14	391.02	36.9	39.0	42.0	9.42	9.26	9.31
Chemicals & Allied Products	718.95	693.79	682.38	44.6	43.8	44.6	16.12	15.84	15.30
Transportation & Public Utilities	510.41	504.68	481.58	41.7	40.7	38.9	12.24	12.40	12.38
Trucking & Warehousing	428.36	416.12	411.99	43.8	41.2	39.2	9.78	10.10	10.51
Communications	508.42	531.83	496.88	38.9	39.6	37.5	13.07	13.43	13.25
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	646.28	612.13	578.28	42.8	42.1	41.1	15.10	14.54	14.07
Trade	236.91	223.15	210.17	31.8	32.2	31.7	7.45	6.93	6.63
Wholesale Trade	453.91	412.29	395.40	40.6	40.5	39.5	11.18	10.18	10.01
Retail Trade	182.63	176.69	164.79	29.6	30.1	29.8	6.17	5.87	5.53
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	263.07	258.19	250.90	39.5	39.6	39.7	6.66	6.52	6.32
General Merchandise Stores	197.87	191.91	180.86	29.8	29.8	29.6	6.64	6.44	6.11
Food Stores	181.19	173.45	158.51	28.4	29.2	29.3	6.38	5.94	5.41
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	274.85	279.75	264.42	36.5	37.5	37.4	7.53	7.46	7.07
Apparel & Accessory Stores	141.19	138.81	129.08	27.1	28.1	27.7	5.21	4.94	4.66
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	290.91	265.39	246.13	36.5	34.2	32.3	7.97	7.76	7.62
Eating & Drinking Places	122.77	118.80	112.75	25.9	27.0	27.3	4.74	4.40	4.13
Miscellaneous Retail	192.46	169.07	133.92	30.5	28.9	24.8	6.31	5.85	5.40
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	309.04	300.12	284.25	36.4	36.6	35.8	8.49	8.20	7.94
Finance	253.83	244.87	233.48	35.7	35.8	34.9	7.11	6.84	6.69
Insurance	453.89	434.72	406.26	38.4	38.2	37.0	11.82	11.38	10.98
Real Estate	300.60	310.06	314.42	36.0	37.0	37.7	8.35	8.38	8.34
Services	280.84	269.84	252.45	34.0	34.2	33.0	8.26	7.89	7.65
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	256.00	239.97	225.77	32.0	31.7	31.4	8.00	7.57	7.19
Personal Services	218.71	224.11	221.92	33.7	33.4	34.3	6.49	6.71	6.47
Business Services	237.28	234.47	214.69	33.8	33.4	31.9	7.02	7.02	6.73
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	337.043	38.85	305.61	39.1	40.1	36.6	8.62	8.45	8.35
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	163.28	145.60	136.57	26.9	26.0	24.3	6.07	5.60	5.62
Health Services	321.26	294.28	276.00	36.8	35.8	34.5	8.73	8.22	8.00
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	193.69	181.26	173.38	34.1	34.2	33.6	5.68	5.30	5.16
Hospitals	384.68	337.98	313.29	38.7	37.1	35.4	9.94	9.11	8.85
Other Health Services	292.99	288.56	272.02	35.3	34.6	33.5	8.30	8.34	8.12
Legal Services	406.13	396.38	384.41	37.5	36.6	34.6	10.83	10.83	11.11
Social Services	184.16	195.60	186.76	29.8	33.9	32.2	6.18	5.77	5.80
Engineering & Management Services	409.55	385.67	371.42	36.6	37.7	37.9	11.19	10.23	9.80

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

Annual Averages 1991

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force
Barbour	4,320	3,620	700	16.3
Berkeley	29,150	27,050	2,100	7.2
Boone	8,380	7,640	740	8.9
Braxton	5,320	4,610	710	13.3
Brooke	9,980	9,260	720	7.2
Cabell	43,170	40,620	2,550	5.9
Calhoun	2,820	2,390	430	15.1
Clay	3,120	2,730	390	12.4
Doddridge	2,330	2,200	130	5.6
Fayette	16,760	15,210	1,540	9.2
Gilmer	3,000	2,760	240	7.9
Grant	4,630	4,250	380	8.2
Greenbrier	15,390	14,040	1,340	8.7
Hampshire	7,030	6,340	690	9.8
Hancock	13,290	12,410	880	6.6
Hardy	5,670	5,290	380	6.6
Harrison	29,150	27,000	2,150	7.4
Jackson	9,300	8,500	800	8.6
Jefferson	18,010	16,720	1,290	7.2
Kanawha	97,810	92,720	5,080	5.2
Lewis	7,260	6,610	650	8.9
Lincoln	7,430	6,620	810	10.9
Logan	13,320	12,120	1,210	9.1
McDowell	6,720	5,700	1,020	15.2
Marion	22,060	20,370	1,690	7.7
Marshall	14,560	13,420	1,140	7.8
Mason	9,290	8,350	940	10.1
Mercer	26,260	24,550	1,710	6.5
Mineral	10,530	10,000	530	5.0
Mingo	11,230	10,330	910	8.1
Monongalia	39,550	38,130	1,420	3.6
Monroe	5,310	4,950	360	6.8
Morgan	5,100	4,730	370	7.2
Nicholas	8,790	7,740	1,040	11.9
Ohio	23,860	22,740	1,120	4.7
Pendleton	3,930	3,710	220	5.5
Pleasants	2,200	1,920	280	12.5
Pocahontas	4,610	4,120	490	10.5
Preston	12,760	11,880	880	6.9
Putnam	16,750	15,550	1,190	7.1
Raleigh	28,210	26,030	2,180	7.7
Randolph	11,610	10,420	1,200	10.3
Ritchie	5,200	4,720	490	9.3
Roane	4,870	4,250	620	12.7
Summers	4,270	3,890	380	8.9
Taylor	5,810	5,290	520	8.9
Tucker	3,770	3,460	310	8.3
Tyler	4,720	4,440	290	6.1
Upshur	8,310	7,330	980	11.8
Wayne	15,790	14,570	1,220	7.7
Webster	2,950	2,540	410	13.8
Wetzel	9,380	8,680	700	7.5
Wirt	1,960	1,680	280	14.0
Wood	40,850	38,340	2,510	6.1
Wyoming	6,720	6,050	670	10.0
Statewide	734,500	680,600	53,900	7.3

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(BLS Series Labor Force Data – Using US Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)

Annual Averages 1991

APPROVED BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS
AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	*Civilian Labor Force*	*Employment*	*Unemployment*	*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*
Barbour	4,800	3,730	1,070	22.4
Berkeley	31,030	27,860	3,170	10.2
Boone	9,010	7,870	1,140	12.7
Braxton	5,830	4,750	1,080	18.5
Brooke	10,630	9,540	1,090	10.2
Cabell	45,750	41,840	3,910	8.5
Calhoun	3,100	2,460	640	20.7
Clay	3,410	2,820	590	17.3
Doddridge	2,470	2,270	200	8.1
Fayette	18,020	15,670	2,350	13.1
Gilmer	3,200	2,840	350	11.1
Grant	4,950	4,370	570	11.6
Greenbrier	16,500	14,470	2,030	12.3
Hampshire	7,570	6,530	1,040	13.7
Hancock	14,120	12,780	1,340	9.5
Hardy	6,020	5,450	570	9.4
Harrison	31,070	27,810	3,260	10.5
Jackson	9,970	8,750	1,210	12.2
Jefferson	19,190	17,230	1,970	10.2
Kanawha	103,230	95,510	7,720	7.5
Lewis	7,780	6,810	980	12.6
Lincoln	8,040	6,820	1,220	15.2
Logan	14,330	12,480	1,850	12.9
McDowell	7,430	5,870	1,560	21.0
Marion	23,560	20,980	2,590	11.0
Marshall	15,540	13,820	1,720	11.1
Mason	10,020	8,600	1,430	14.2
Mercer	27,890	25,290	2,610	9.3
Mineral	11,110	10,300	810	7.3
Mingo	12,020	10,630	1,390	11.5
Monongalia	41,440	39,260	2,180	5.2
Monroe	5,650	5,100	550	9.8
Morgan	5,430	4,870	560	10.3
Nicholas	9,570	7,980	1,600	16.7
Ohio	25,120	23,420	1,700	6.8
Pendleton	4,140	3,820	320	7.7
Pleasants	2,390	1,980	420	17.4
Pocahontas	4,980	4,250	740	14.8
Preston	13,560	12,230	1,330	9.8
Putnam	17,840	16,020	1,810	10.2
Raleigh	30,130	26,810	3,320	11.0
Randolph	12,540	10,730	1,810	14.4
Ritchie	5,590	4,860	730	13.1
Roane	5,310	4,380	930	17.5
Summers	4,580	4,010	570	12.5
Taylor	6,240	5,450	790	12.7
Tucker	4,040	3,560	480	11.8
Tyler	5,000	4,570	430	8.7
Upshur	9,040	7,550	1,490	16.5
Wayne	16,870	15,010	1,860	11.0
Webster	3,240	2,620	620	19.2
Wetzel	9,990	8,940	1,060	10.6
Wirt	2,150	1,740	420	19.4
Wood	43,310	39,490	3,810	8.8
Wyoming	7,260	6,230	1,030	14.2
Statewide	783,000	701,000	82,000	10.5

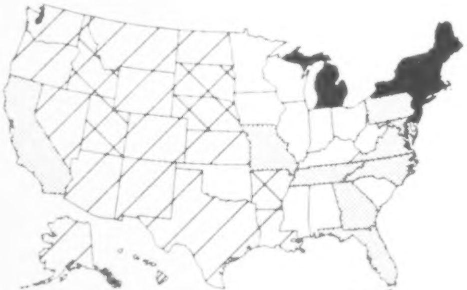
All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

SPECIAL REPORT: The Geography of the Recession Revisited

In the July 1991 issue of ***Economic Summary*** we published an article entitled "The Geography of the Recession," a look at gains and losses in nonfarm payroll employment by state from July 1990 to July 1991. The figures used in that article were, at the time, the latest available.

Current nonfarm payroll employment figures are based on a voluntary sample of employers. Each year, the original sample-based estimates are replaced by much more reliable and complete figures which nearly all employers submit with their quarterly unemployment compensation contributions. Often the revisions are minor, but this year many states reported major revisions, usually downward. The changes were significant enough to call into question some of the conclusions reached in the July 1991 article, so a fresh look at the same question seemed in order.

The map illustrates a year of change in nonfarm payroll employment, using annual average figures for 1990 and 1991. The parameters are the same ones employed in the prior article. States with only minor job gains or losses (plus or minus one-half of one percent) are unshaded. Gray states suffered significant losses of one-half to two percent, while



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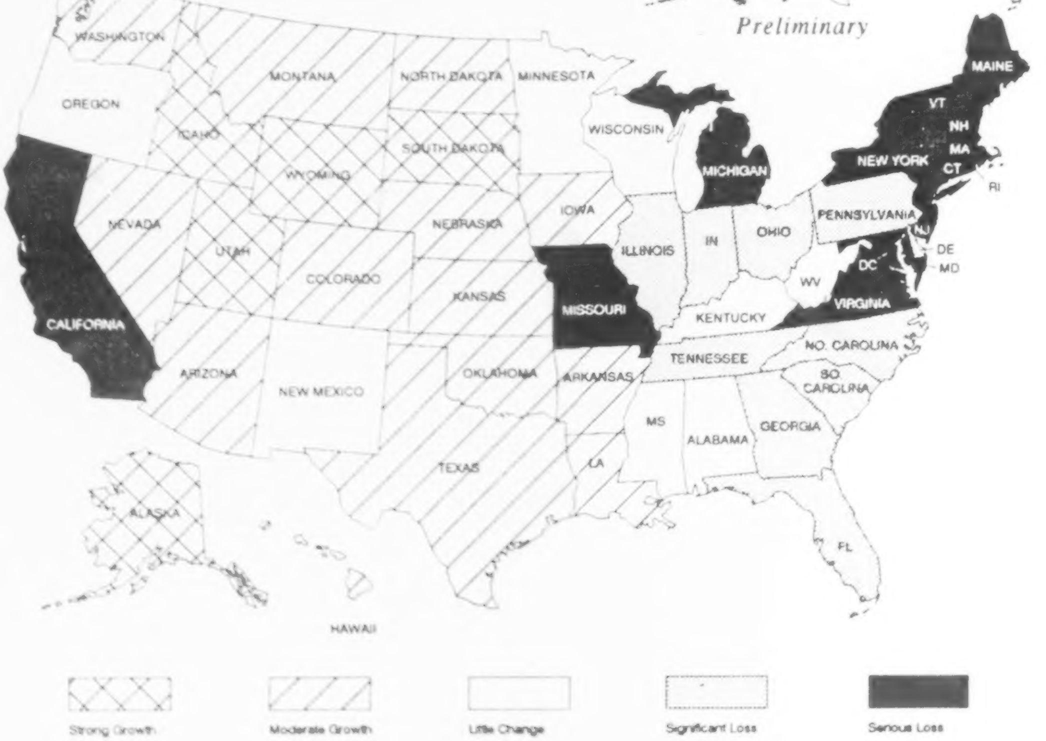
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Strong Growth
Moderate Growth
Little Change
Significant Loss
Serious Loss

Gains and Losses in Nonfarm Payroll Employment
1990 to 1991

states shaded black endured serious losses in excess of two percent. Diagonal lines indicate modest expansion, while crosshatching is reserved for states with strong job growth in excess of two percent.

The small map is a miniature of the one published last July. Note that the differences between the two maps are largely due to the data revision, rather than further economic deterioration since July. A comparison of identical months near the middle of two consecutive years should yield roughly the same results as a comparison of annual averages.

For many states the revised figures reveal more serious job losses than the preliminary numbers indicated. Maryland, Virginia, Missouri, and California* have joined the ranks of states with serious losses of more than two percent. South Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, ranked as little changed in the earlier article, now show significant losses. A number of Western states show slower growth, while a few did better than originally thought. The parameters used in shading the map do not properly convey the seriousness of the recession in the Northeast. New York, New Jersey, and most of the New England states reported annual payroll employment losses of four percent or more, representing about 800,000 jobs.

The earlier article explained West Virginia's comparative immunity from recessionary job loss by pointing to our economic links with the Midwest, which also seemed relatively unaffected at that time. This argument makes less sense in light of the job losses now reported in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. Among the nearby states, only Kentucky exhibits a pattern similar to West Virginia's: a loss so small as to be statistically insignificant.

State	*1991 Employment*	*Change Since 1990 Number*	*Change Since 1990 Percent*
Pennsylvania	*5,077,400*	*-92,700*	*-1.8*
Maryland	*2,096,600*	*-74,600*	*-3.4*
District of Columbia	*676,900*	*-9,200*	*-1.3*
Virginia	*2,830,500*	*-65,800*	*-2.3*
North Carolina	*3,070,100*	*-47,600*	*-1.5*
Kentucky	*1,470,000*	*-500*	*0.0*
Ohio	*4,811,200*	*-71,200*	*-1.5*
WEST VIRGINIA	*629,300*	*-800*	*-0.1*

Among the listed states, the five which actually touch our borders report combined losses of almost 305,000 jobs, or 1.8 percent. If West Virginia had matched the average experience of these five states, we would have lost nearly 12,000 jobs in the past year, not 800.

While West Virginia has so far avoided job losses of the magnitude reported by nearby states, this does not mean we have not been hurt by the recession. Unemployment is up significantly from 1990, when it reached its lowest level since 1979. For several years the state had been adding nonfarm payroll jobs at a rate of more than 10,000 per year, a total of over 31,000 from 1987 to 1990. This encouraging trend ended in 1991, with what we hope will prove only a temporary pause. The shift in employment from goods-producing to service-producing industries continued during 1991, as the recession eroded manufacturing and mining jobs. But compared to the devastating recessions of the early 1980s--which cost West Virginia more than 76,000 jobs between 1979 and 1983--the current downturn has not been too hard on us.

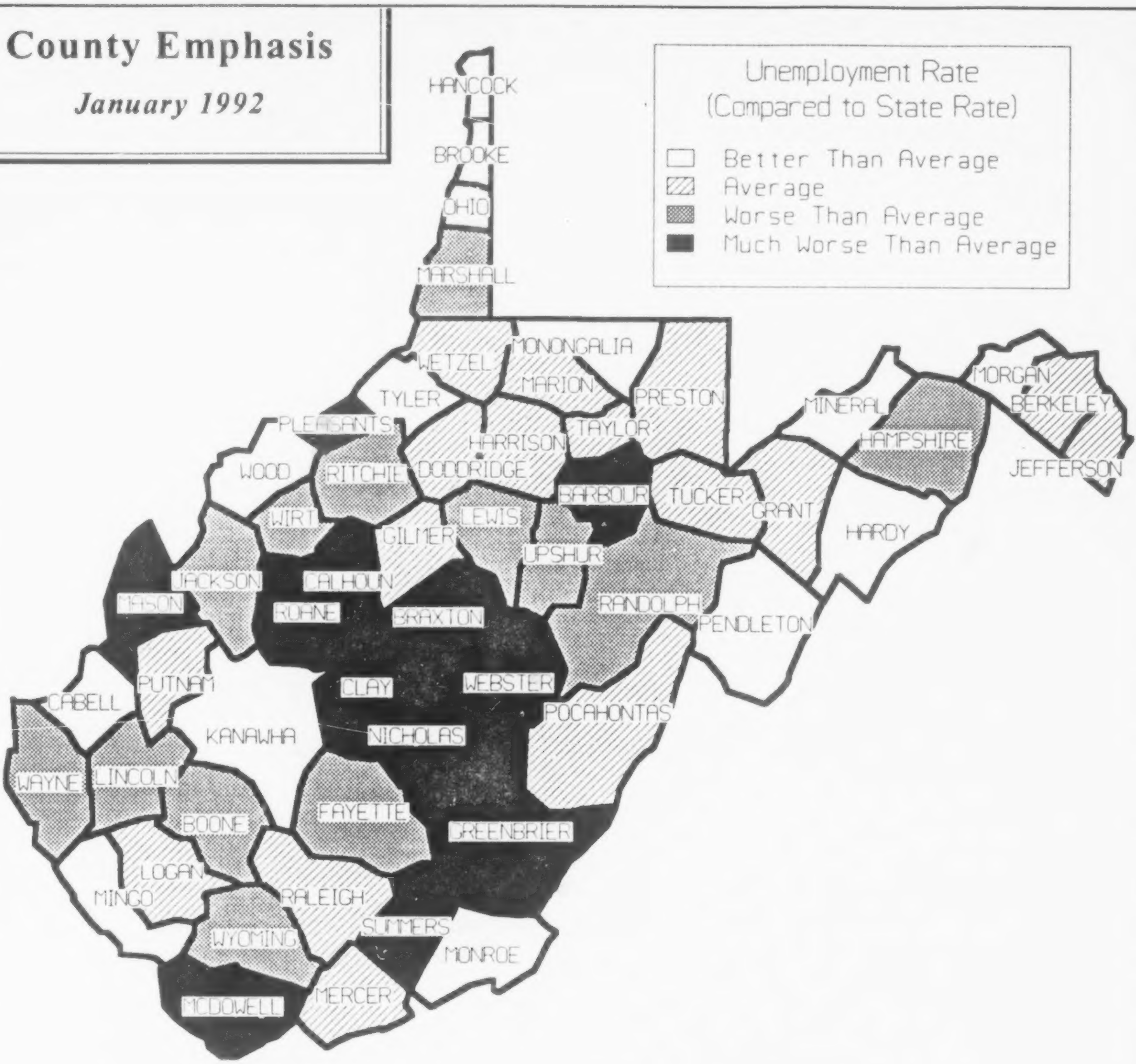
**Based on the best available information: final figures for California were not available as this was written.*

Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia
Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan.'92	*Dec.'91*	*Jan.'91*	*Jan.'92*	*Dec.'91*	*Jan.'91*	*Jan.'92*	*Dec.'91*	*Jan.'91*
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	$361.08	$363.01	$353.58	35.4	35.8	35.5	$10.20	$10.14	$9.96
Mining	827.42	780.55	797.28	47.2	44.4	45.3	17.53	17.58	17.60
Coal Mining	887.59	833.73	853.30	47.9	44.8	46.0	18.53	18.61	18.55
Oil & Gas Extraction	492.94	487.63	416.80	43.7	42.7	40.0	11.28	11.42	10.42
Other Mining	448.32	454.21	545.34	43.4	40.7	44.7	10.33	11.16	12.20
Construction	486.46	512.92	454.13	35.2	36.3	34.3	13.82	14.13	13.24
Manufacturing	487.20	492.44	472.64	40.6	40.9	40.5	12.00	12.04	11.67
Durable Goods	498.93	494.81	482.26	41.2	41.2	40.8	12.11	12.01	11.82
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	307.28	312.26	286.63	39.7	40.5	40.2	7.74	7.71	7.13
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	473.11	468.38	441.54	39.1	40.8	38.8	12.10	11.48	11.38
Primary Metals Industries	665.03	644.65	669.47	43.1	42.3	43.5	15.43	15.24	15.39
Fabricated Metal Products	463.57	451.19	454.82	40.7	39.2	40.5	11.39	11.51	11.23
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	496.51	509.22	431.63	41.0	41.0	37.5	12.11	12.42	11.51
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	529.05	549.05	548.21	41.3	42.3	42.3	12.81	12.98	12.96
Transportation Equipment	558.41	552.94	502.11	48.6	44.7	44.2	11.49	12.37	11.36
Nondurable Goods	472.03	489.65	458.40	39.8	40.5	40.0	11.86	12.09	11.46
Food & Kindred Products	381.40	368.02	348.12	38.8	37.4	36.3	9.83	9.84	9.59
Textile Mill Products	284.28	264.52	213.83	41.5	38.9	31.4	6.85	6.80	6.81
Apparel & Other Textile Products	224.92	223.02	211.34	37.3	36.5	35.4	6.03	6.11	5.97
Paper & Allied Products	345.08	388.48	272.61	38.6	43.6	39.0	8.94	8.91	6.99
Printing & Publishing	338.98	342.96	357.58	35.2	35.8	38.0	9.63	9.58	9.41
Chemicals & Allied Products	721.39	767.61	691.24	43.8	45.8	44.0	16.47	16.76	15.71
Transportation & Public Utilities	498.97	501.42	508.38	40.6	41.1	41.5	12.29	12.20	12.25
Trucking & Warehousing	405.23	414.99	416.77	42.3	43.5	40.9	9.58	9.54	10.19
Communications	504.30	489.66	530.04	37.3	36.9	42.1	13.52	13.27	12.59
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	642.96	661.59	623.48	42.3	43.1	42.5	15.20	15.35	14.67
Trade	237.00	244.30	225.34	30.9	32.4	30.7	7.67	7.54	7.34
Wholesale Trade	462.67	470.83	429.72	40.8	40.8	39.9	11.34	11.54	10.77
Retail Trade	180.06	189.70	173.24	28.4	30.4	28.4	6.34	6.24	6.10
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	252.88	257.24	261.71	38.2	38.8	38.6	6.62	6.63	6.78
General Merchandise Stores	194.32	225.79	177.02	28.0	33.6	26.7	6.94	6.72	6.63
Food Stores	178.62	182.74	173.96	26.9	28.2	27.7	6.64	6.48	6.28
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	264.48	268.11	267.16	35.5	35.7	36.2	7.45	7.51	7.38
Apparel & Accessory Stores	134.41	146.15	132.07	26.2	28.6	25.3	5.13	5.11	5.22
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	283.73	313.24	293.20	36.8	39.6	35.8	7.71	7.91	8.19
Eating & Drinking Places	119.81	121.67	112.10	24.5	25.4	24.8	4.89	4.79	4.52
Miscellaneous Retail	199.13	205.36	184.49	29.9	32.7	29.1	6.66	6.28	6.34
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	305.34	316.85	304.20	36.7	36.8	36.0	8.32	8.61	8.45
Finance	254.14	267.55	246.05	36.1	36.5	35.0	7.04	7.33	7.03
Insurance	445.06	454.32	452.35	38.6	38.6	38.4	11.53	11.77	11.78
Real Estate	286.10	295.11	299.52	36.4	35.3	36.0	7.86	8.36	8.32
Services	285.94	287.12	276.89	33.6	33.7	34.1	8.51	8.52	8.12
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	208.81	225.45	261.44	26.6	29.9	34.4	7.85	7.54	7.60
Personal Services	213.53	238.86	205.88	32.8	33.5	33.1	6.51	7.13	6.22
Business Services	238.19	251.67	241.03	33.5	35.1	33.9	7.11	7.17	7.11
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	347.85	343.94	330.33	39.8	39.9	39.0	8.74	8.62	8.47
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	166.92	180.09	143.35	26.0	27.0	23.5	6.42	6.67	6.10
Health Services	330.41	329.77	310.49	37.0	36.6	36.4	8.93	9.01	8.53
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	196.35	198.24	191.45	33.0	33.6	35.0	5.95	5.90	5.47
Hospitals	402.04	396.15	366.82	39.3	38.8	37.7	10.23	10.21	9.73
Other Health Services	290.04	300.30	287.00	35.5	35.0	35.0	8.17	8.58	8.20
Legal Services	396.13	423.17	395.30	37.3	38.4	37.9	10.62	11.02	10.43
Social Services	195.84	183.38	191.85	29.1	29.2	31.4	6.73	6.28	6.11
Engineering & Management Services	447.06	444.44	380.16	37.1	36.4	36.0	12.05	12.21	10.56

County Emphasis

January 1992


Unemployment Rate
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WEBSTER
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NICHOLAS
POCAHONTAS
WAYNE
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FAYETTE
GREENBRIER
LOGAN
MINGO
RALEIGH
SUMMERS
WYOMING
MONROE
MCDOWELL
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Labor market conditions in most West Virginia counties deteriorated during January 1992, due primarily to seasonal factors. These factors include decreased construction site work due to adverse weather conditions, reduced levels of tourism, student workers at state colleges, and the expected post-Christmas seasonal downturn in retail trade activity. As a result, 44 of the 55 counties experienced an increase in their unemployment rate during January 1992. Eleven counties produced rates considered much worse than average, including Barbour (18.9%), Calhoun (18.9%), Braxton (18.2%), Roane (17.0%), Clay (16.7%), Nicholas (15.9%), McDowell (14.7%), Webster (14.6%), Pleasants (14.2%), Mason (14.1%) and Summers (14.1%). Surprisingly among this group, the unemployment rate for Webster County actually declined slightly from 14.7 percent to 14.6 percent. Fourteen counties experienced unemployment rates considered as better than average. The majority of counties in this particular group either border Virginia and Maryland or are part of a metropolitan statistical area. These counties include Monongalia (4.4%), Pendleton (4.9%), Ohio (6.3%), Hancock (6.4%), Kanawha (6.6%), Hardy (6.6%), Mineral (6.7%), Brooke (6.8%), Wood (7.1%), Mingo (7.1%), Morgan (7.3%), Tyler (7.4%), Monroe (7.7%) and Cabell (7.7%)

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

January 1992
(Revised December 1991 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,340	(4,560)	3,520	(3,750)	820	(810)	18.9	(17.8)
Berkeley	29,830	(30,460)	27,380	(28,090)	2,460	(2,360)	8.2	(7.8)
Boone	8,470	(8,340)	7,580	(7,570)	890	(770)	10.5	(9.2)
Braxton	5,320	(5,330)	4,350	(4,430)	970	(890)	18.2	(16.8)
Brooke	9,370	(9,680)	8,730	(8,940)	640	(740)	6.8	(7.6)
Cabell	43,000	(43,650)	39,690	(40,610)	3,310	(3,040)	7.7	(7.0)
Calhoun	2,790	(2,860)	2,260	(2,400)	530	(460)	18.9	(16.0)
Clay	3,130	(3,100)	2,610	(2,700)	520	(400)	16.7	(12.9)
Doddridge	2,400	(2,330)	2,200	(2,220)	210	(110)	8.5	(4.9)
Fayette	17,370	(17,120)	15,220	(15,470)	2,150	(1,650)	12.4	(9.6)
Gilmer	2,870	(3,010)	2,610	(2,730)	260	(280)	9.0	(9.3)
Grant	4,660	(4,860)	4,230	(4,300)	430	(550)	9.3	(11.4)
Greenbrier	15,320	(15,250)	13,270	(13,670)	2,050	(1,580)	13.4	(10.4)
Hampshire	6,840	(7,050)	6,080	(6,310)	750	(750)	11.0	(10.6)
Hancock	12,490	(12,800)	11,690	(11,980)	800	(830)	6.4	(6.4)
Hardy	5,570	(6,360)	5,200	(5,320)	370	(1,040)	6.6	(16.4)
Harrison	29,470	(29,570)	26,910	(27,150)	2,570	(2,420)	8.7	(8.2)
Jackson	9,310	(9,460)	8,130	(8,570)	1,180	(890)	12.7	(9.4)
Jefferson	17,060	(17,800)	15,390	(16,410)	1,670	(1,400)	9.8	(7.8)
Kanawha	96,870	(98,340)	90,490	(92,900)	6,380	(5,440)	6.6	(5.5)
Lewis	7,230	(7,490)	6,480	(6,530)	760	(960)	10.5	(12.8)
Lincoln	7,580	(7,560)	6,650	(6,760)	940	(800)	12.3	(10.6)
Logan	13,050	(13,020)	11,760	(11,910)	1,290	(1,110)	9.9	(8.5)
McDowell	6,590	(6,630)	5,620	(5,690)	970	(940)	14.7	(14.2)
Marion	22,270	(22,720)	20,230	(20,870)	2,040	(1,850)	9.1	(8.2)
Marshall	14,460	(14,790)	12,980	(13,470)	1,480	(1,320)	10.2	(8.9)
Mason	9,420	(9,380)	8,090	(8,230)	1,330	(1,150)	14.1	(12.3)
Mercer	26,270	(26,490)	24,160	(24,640)	2,120	(1,850)	8.1	(7.0)
Mineral	10,330	(10,660)	9,640	(10,060)	690	(600)	6.7	(5.6)
Mingo	11,350	(11,440)	10,550	(10,650)	800	(790)	7.1	(6.9)
Monongalia	40,700	(41,670)	38,930	(40,010)	1,770	(1,670)	4.4	(4.0)
Monroe	5,070	(5,110)	4,670	(4,820)	390	(290)	7.7	(5.7)
Morgan	5,080	(5,200)	4,710	(4,850)	370	(340)	7.3	(6.6)
Nicholas	8,940	(9,020)	7,520	(7,780)	1,430	(1,240)	15.9	(13.7)
Ohio	23,480	(23,960)	22,000	(22,820)	1,480	(1,140)	6.3	(4.7)
Pendleton	3,850	(3,920)	3,660	(3,740)	190	(180)	4.9	(4.6)
Pleasants	2,120	(2,120)	1,820	(1,870)	300	(250)	14.2	(11.6)
Pocahontas	5,240	(5,040)	4,750	(4,510)	490	(520)	9.3	(10.4)
Preston	13,250	(13,400)	12,130	(12,460)	1,120	(940)	8.4	(7.0)
Putnam	16,760	(16,890)	15,180	(15,580)	1,580	(1,300)	9.4	(7.7)
Raleigh	27,890	(28,150)	25,280	(25,850)	2,610	(2,300)	9.3	(8.2)
Randolph	11,760	(12,200)	10,460	(10,750)	1,300	(1,450)	11.1	(11.9)
Ritchie	5,240	(5,400)	4,640	(4,790)	600	(610)	11.4	(11.3)
Roane	5,050	(4,880)	4,190	(4,270)	860	(610)	17.0	(12.5)
Summers	4,160	(4,290)	3,570	(3,810)	580	(470)	14.1	(11.0)
Taylor	5,840	(5,860)	5,270	(5,320)	570	(540)	9.7	(9.2)
Tucker	3,900	(3,980)	3,540	(3,610)	360	(370)	9.1	(9.4)
Tyler	4,670	(4,750)	4,320	(4,420)	350	(330)	7.4	(6.9)
Upshur	8,100	(8,520)	7,120	(7,410)	980	(1,110)	12.1	(13.0)
Wayne	15,940	(15,910)	14,240	(14,570)	1,700	(1,340)	10.6	(8.4)
Webster	2,890	(2,990)	2,460	(2,550)	420	(440)	14.6	(14.7)
Wetzel	9,230	(9,360)	8,450	(8,650)	780	(710)	8.4	(7.6)
Wirt	2,000	(1,930)	1,750	(1,670)	250	(260)	12.5	(13.6)
Wood	40,390	(41,260)	37,530	(38,580)	2,860	(2,680)	7.1	(6.5)
Wyoming	6,740	(6,660)	5,970	(6,010)	780	(650)	11.5	(9.7)
Statewide	733,300	(744,500)	667,800	(685,000)	65,400	(59,500)	8.9	(8.0)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- using US Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)

January 1992

(Revised December 1991 in parentheses)

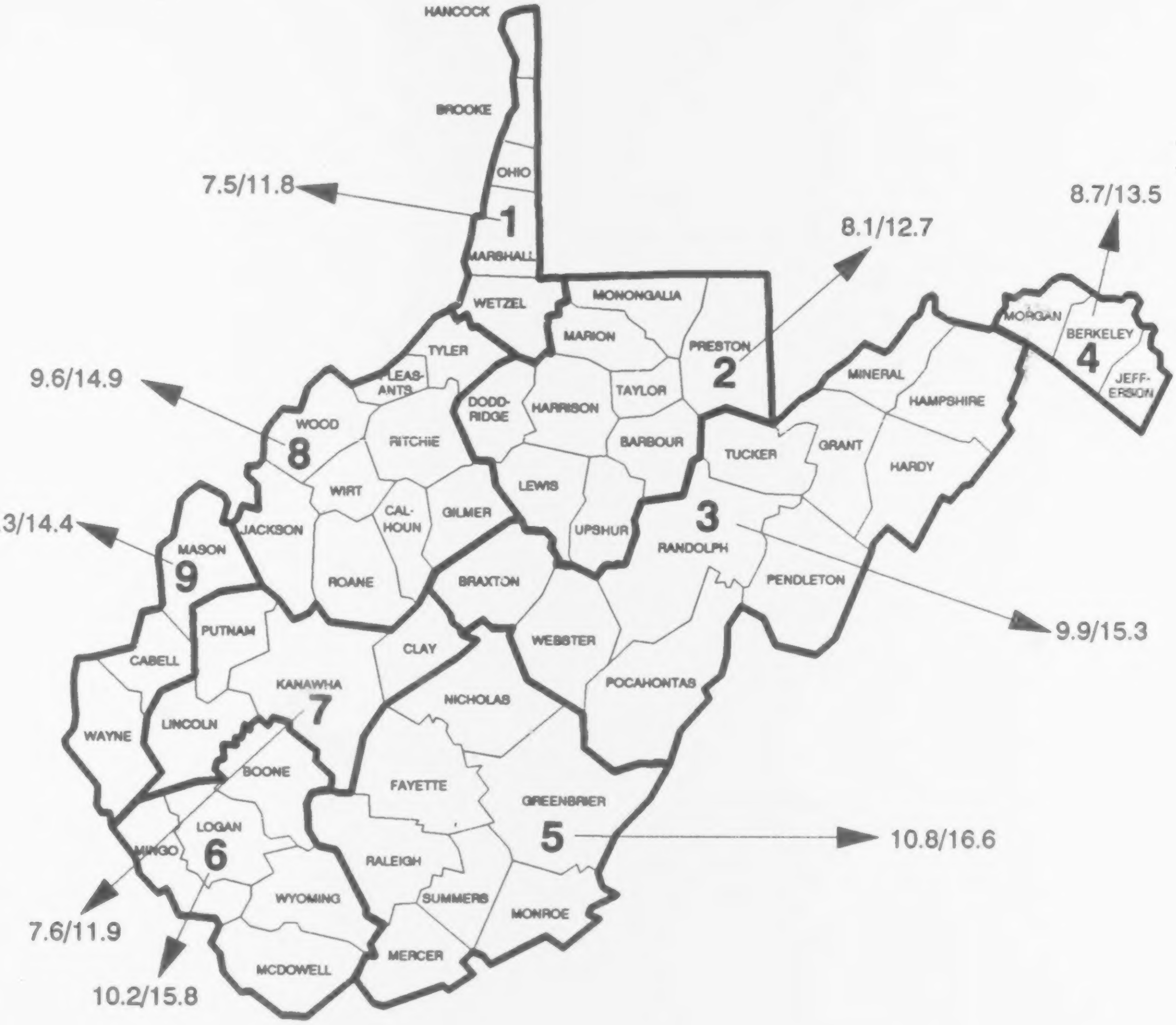
APPROVED BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,960	(5,020)	3,590	(3,820)	1,380	(1,200)	27.7	(23.9)
Berkeley	32,000	(32,130)	27,880	(28,640)	4,120	(3,490)	12.9	(10.9)
Boone	9,210	(8,860)	7,720	(7,720)	1,500	(1,130)	16.2	(12.8)
Braxton	6,060	(5,840)	4,430	(4,520)	1,630	(1,320)	26.9	(22.6)
Brooke	9,960	(10,200)	8,890	(9,110)	1,070	(1,090)	10.8	(10.6)
Cabell	45,970	(45,890)	40,430	(41,390)	5,540	(4,500)	12.1	(9.8)
Calhoun	3,190	(3,120)	2,310	(2,450)	880	(680)	27.7	(21.6)
Clay	3,530	(3,350)	2,650	(2,750)	880	(590)	24.8	(17.7)
Doddridge	2,580	(2,430)	2,240	(2,260)	340	(170)	13.3	(6.9)
Fayette	19,110	(18,200)	15,500	(15,770)	3,600	(2,430)	18.9	(13.4)
Gilmer	3,090	(3,200)	2,660	(2,780)	430	(420)	14.0	(13.0)
Grant	5,030	(5,200)	4,300	(4,390)	720	(820)	14.4	(15.7)
Greenbrier	16,950	(16,270)	13,510	(13,940)	3,440	(2,340)	20.3	(14.4)
Hampshire	7,460	(7,530)	6,200	(6,430)	1,260	(1,100)	16.9	(14.6)
Hancock	13,240	(13,430)	11,910	(12,210)	1,330	(1,220)	10.1	(9.1)
Hardy	5,910	(6,970)	5,300	(5,420)	610	(1,540)	10.4	(22.1)
Harrison	31,710	(31,260)	27,400	(27,680)	4,300	(3,580)	13.6	(11.5)
Jackson	10,250	(10,050)	8,280	(8,740)	1,970	(1,310)	19.3	(13.0)
Jefferson	18,470	(18,790)	15,670	(16,730)	2,800	(2,060)	15.2	(11.0)
Kanawha	102,860	(102,740)	92,170	(94,700)	10,690	(8,040)	10.4	(7.8)
Lewis	7,860	(8,080)	6,600	(6,660)	1,270	(1,410)	16.1	(17.5)
Lincoln	8,330	(8,070)	6,770	(6,890)	1,570	(1,180)	18.8	(14.6)
Logan	14,140	(13,780)	11,980	(12,140)	2,160	(1,640)	15.3	(11.9)
McDowell	7,350	(7,190)	5,730	(5,800)	1,620	(1,390)	22.1	(19.3)
Marion	24,020	(24,010)	20,600	(21,270)	3,410	(2,740)	14.2	(11.4)
Marshall	15,700	(15,680)	13,220	(13,730)	2,480	(1,950)	15.8	(12.4)
Mason	10,460	(10,090)	8,240	(8,390)	2,230	(1,700)	21.3	(16.8)
Mercer	28,150	(27,860)	24,600	(25,120)	3,550	(2,730)	12.6	(9.8)
Mineral	10,980	(11,140)	9,820	(10,260)	1,160	(880)	10.6	(7.9)
Mingo	12,090	(12,020)	10,740	(10,860)	1,340	(1,160)	11.1	(9.7)
Monongalia	42,620	(43,240)	39,650	(40,780)	2,970	(2,460)	7.0	(5.7)
Monroe	5,420	(5,340)	4,760	(4,910)	660	(430)	12.1	(8.1)
Morgan	5,420	(5,450)	4,800	(4,950)	620	(510)	11.4	(9.3)
Nicholas	10,040	(9,760)	7,650	(7,930)	2,390	(1,830)	23.8	(18.7)
Ohio	24,880	(24,940)	22,410	(23,260)	2,480	(1,680)	10.0	(6.7)
Pendleton	4,050	(4,080)	3,730	(3,810)	320	(270)	7.8	(6.6)
Pleasants	2,360	(2,270)	1,850	(1,910)	500	(360)	21.3	(15.9)
Pocahontas	5,650	(5,370)	4,840	(4,600)	820	(770)	14.4	(14.4)
Preston	14,230	(14,090)	12,350	(12,710)	1,880	(1,380)	13.2	(9.8)
Putnam	18,110	(17,810)	15,460	(15,890)	2,650	(1,920)	14.6	(10.8)
Raleigh	30,120	(29,740)	25,750	(26,350)	4,370	(3,390)	14.5	(11.4)
Randolph	12,840	(13,100)	10,660	(10,950)	2,180	(2,140)	17.0	(16.4)
Ritchie	5,730	(5,790)	4,730	(4,880)	1,000	(900)	17.5	(15.6)
Roane	5,710	(5,250)	4,270	(4,350)	1,440	(900)	25.2	(17.2)
Summers	4,620	(4,590)	3,640	(3,890)	980	(700)	21.2	(15.2)
Taylor	6,320	(6,220)	5,370	(5,420)	950	(790)	15.0	(12.7)
Tucker	4,200	(4,230)	3,610	(3,680)	600	(550)	14.2	(13.0)
Tyler	4,980	(5,000)	4,400	(4,510)	580	(490)	11.6	(9.8)
Upshur	8,890	(9,190)	7,250	(7,560)	1,640	(1,640)	18.4	(17.8)
Wayne	17,350	(16,830)	14,500	(14,850)	2,840	(1,980)	16.4	(11.7)
Webster	3,220	(3,250)	2,510	(2,600)	710	(650)	21.9	(19.9)
Wetzel	9,910	(9,860)	8,610	(8,820)	1,300	(1,050)	13.1	(10.6)
Wirt	2,200	(2,090)	1,780	(1,700)	420	(390)	19.0	(18.6)
Wood	43,020	(43,290)	38,230	(39,330)	4,790	(3,960)	11.1	(9.2)
Wyoming	7,380	(7,090)	6,080	(6,130)	1,300	(960)	17.6	(13.5)
Statewide	789,900	(786,200)	680,200	(698,300)	109,600	(87,900)	13.9	(11.2)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

Partnership for Progress Area Unemployment Rates

WV Series / BLS Series ***January 1992***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JEFF-ERSON
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All West Virginia Partnership for Progress areas posted higher West Virginia series unemployment rates for January 1992 except Area 3. During the 30-day period the rate for Area 3 dropped from 10.9 to 9.9 percent. Area 5 registered the highest unemployment rate for the month (10.8) and Area 1 recorded the lowest (7.5). Area 5 also sustained the greatest increase over the month (+1.9) while Area 2 incurred the least (+0.5). Predictable seasonal trends contributed to the general rise in the unemployment rates in all areas.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	113.6	115.2	112.8
Employment	105.7	108.5	105.5
Unemployment	8.0	6.7	7.3
Rate (%)	7.0	5.9	6.4
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	126.9	128.2	126.1
Employment	117.3	119.8	118.0
Unemployment	9.7	8.4	8.1
Rate (%)	7.6	6.6	6.4
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	69.1	70.4	69.0
Employment	64.5	66.2	64.7
Unemployment	4.6	4.2	4.3
Rate (%)	6.7	5.9	6.2
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	67.7	69.1	67.8
Employment	62.8	65.1	63.6
Unemployment	4.8	4.0	4.3
Rate (%)	7.2	5.8	6.3
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	37.7	37.8	37.1
Employment	34.4	34.7	33.7
Unemployment	3.3	3.1	3.4
Rate (%)	8.8	8.1	9.2
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.8	12.0	11.5
Employment	10.0	10.3	10.0
Unemployment	1.8	1.7	1.4
Rate (%)	15.6	14.0	12.5
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	53.9	55.1	51.0
Employment	51.1	52.5	48.1
Unemployment	2.9	2.6	2.9
Rate (%)	5.4	4.7	5.7
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	13.9	14.1	14.2
Employment	12.8	13.1	12.9
Unemployment	1.1	1.0	1.3
Rate (%)	8.1	7.3	9.0
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.4	20.4	20.1
Employment	17.9	18.5	17.8
Unemployment	2.4	1.9	2.3
Rate (%)	12.0	9.2	11.5

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	121.0	120.5	119.2
Employment	107.6	110.6	109.3
Unemployment	13.3	10.0	9.9
Rate (%)	11.0	8.3	8.3
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	135.2	134.1	131.3
Employment	118.0	120.2	119.3
Unemployment	17.2	13.8	12.0
Rate (%)	12.7	10.3	9.2
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	74.2	74.1	73.0
Employment	66.5	67.8	66.8
Unemployment	7.8	6.3	6.2
Rate (%)	10.5	8.5	8.5
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	72.9	72.8	71.8
Employment	64.8	66.7	65.6
Unemployment	8.2	6.1	6.2
Rate (%)	11.2	8.4	8.7
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	40.6	39.9	39.5
Employment	35.0	35.4	34.8
Unemployment	5.6	4.5	4.7
Rate (%)	13.8	11.4	11.8
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	13.3	13.0	12.3
Employment	10.2	10.5	10.4
Unemployment	3.1	2.5	2.0
Rate (%)	23.3	19.0	15.9
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	56.8	57.3	53.8
Employment	52.0	53.5	49.8
Unemployment	4.8	3.8	4.0
Rate (%)	8.5	6.7	7.4
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.9	14.9	15.1
Employment	13.0	13.3	13.4
Unemployment	1.9	1.5	1.8
Rate (%)	12.6	10.3	11.6
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	22.4	21.6	21.6
Employment	18.3	18.8	18.4
Unemployment	4.1	2.8	3.2
Rate (%)	18.3	12.8	14.7

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll fell by 2,800 during January 1992 in the Charleston MSA. The local goods-producing sector declined by 900, with the construction industry (-900) contributing totally to the sector's overall decline. In the service-producing sector the number of jobs declined by 1,900, with losses centered in total trade (-1,100) and government (-400). Services also registered a decline of 300 jobs. These losses during January resulted from seasonal factors. Comparison with year-ago January 1991 data reveals a 2,000 job increase over the year. The majority of the yearly gain occurred in total services (+1,300), government (+200) and transportation, communication and public utilities (+200). Construction advanced by 200 jobs in the goods-producing sector.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment increased by 1,300 persons during January 1992 in the Charleston MSA. The corresponding unemployment rate also increased to 7.0 percent of the civilian labor force. The year-ago comparison also indicates an increase from 6.4 percent to the current 7.0 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Labor Force	113.6	115.2	112.8
Employment	105.7	108.5	105.5
Unemployment	8.0	6.7	7.3
Rate (%)	7.0	5.9	6.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Labor Force	121.0	120.5	119.2
Employment	107.6	110.6	109.3
Unemployment	13.3	10.0	9.9
Rate (%)	11.0	8.3	8.3

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*	*Dec. 1991*	*Jan. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	110.6	113.4	108.6	-2.8	2.0
PRIVATE SECTOR	90.9	93.3	89.3	-2.4	1.6
GOODS-PRODUCING	17.0	17.9	16.7	-0.9	0.3
Mining	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Construction	4.1	5.0	3.9	-0.9	0.2
Manufacturing	10.6	10.6	10.5	0.0	0.1
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.8	8.8	8.8	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.4	7.4	7.4	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	93.6	95.5	91.9	-1.9	1.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.9	8.8	8.7	0.1	0.2
Trade	27.9	29.0	27.9	-1.1	0.0
Wholesale Trade	7.1	7.1	7.2	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	20.8	21.9	20.7	-1.1	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.4	6.6	6.6	-0.2	-0.2
Services	30.7	31.0	29.4	-0.3	1.3
Health Services	11.6	11.6	11.1	0.0	0.5
Government	19.7	20.1	19.3	-0.4	0.4
Federal	2.1	2.0	1.9	0.1	0.2
State	9.2	9.5	8.8	-0.3	0.4
Local	8.4	8.6	8.6	-0.2	-0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	-0.3

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			**Average Weekly Hours**			**Average Hourly Earnings**		
	Jan. '92	*Dec. '91*	*Jan. '91*	*Jan. '92*	*Dec. '91*	*Jan. '91*	*Jan. '92*	*Dec. '91*	*Jan. '91*
Manufacturing	$629.97	$645.25	$583.08	43.9	44.5	43.0	$14.35	$14.50	$13.56
Nondurable Goods	662.06	704.24	627.10	43.7	45.7	44.1	15.15	15.41	14.22
Chemicals & Allied Products	744.75	799.45	717.14	45.0	47.9	46.0	16.55	16.69	15.59

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

Employment: Labor market conditions in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA deteriorated during January 1992. The total number of jobs fell by 2,200 over the month locally with losses centered primarily in the service-producing industries (-1,800). Notably total trade (-900) and government (-600) declined sharply, due to seasonal factors. The local goods-producing sector declined by 400 with the decrease in the construction industry (-400) employment. Comparison with year-ago January 1991 nonfarm payroll data indicates no change in the number of jobs for the MSA. No labor-management disputes were noted for the MSA during January 1992.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment advanced sharply by 1,300 during January 1992. The MSA unemployment rate showed a corresponding increase to 7.6 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data also reveals total unemployment increasing (+1,600) with the unemployment rate advancing from 6.4 percent to the current level of 7.6 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Labor Force	126.9	128.2	126.1
Employment	117.3	119.8	118.0
Unemployment	9.7	8.4	8.1
Rate (%)	7.6	6.6	6.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Labor Force	135.2	134.1	131.3
Employment	118.0	120.2	119.3
Unemployment	17.2	13.8	12.0
Rate (%)	12.7	10.3	9.2

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*	*Change From: Dec. 1991*	*Change From: Jan. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	109.5	111.7	109.5	-2.2	0.0
PRIVATE SECTOR	90.2	91.8	90.2	-1.6	0.0
GOODS-PRODUCING	25.4	25.8	26.2	-0.4	-0.8
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Construction	4.2	4.6	4.4	-0.4	-0.2
Manufacturing	19.6	19.6	20.2	0.0	-0.6
Durable Goods	11.2	11.2	12.0	0.0	-0.8
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	00
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.2	7.3	7.7	-0.1	-0.5
Other Durable Goods	2.6	2.5	2.9	0.1	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.2	0.0	0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.4	4.4	4.3	0.0	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	84.1	85.9	83.3	-1.8	0.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.2	7.2	8.0	0.0	-0.8
Trade	27.9	28.8	27.5	-0.9	0.4
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.4	5.4	0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	22.4	23.4	22.1	-1.0	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	0.1
Services	25.8	26.1	24.7	-0.3	1.1
Health Services	11.0	11.0	10.4	0.0	0.6
Government	19.3	19.9	19.3	-0.6	0.0
Federal	3.0	3.0	2.8	0.0	0.2
State	4.7	5.1	4.7	-0.4	0.0
Local	11.6	11.8	11.8	-0.2	-0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			**Average Weekly Hours**			**Average Hourly Earnings**		
	Prelim. Jan.'92	***Revised Dec.'91***	***Revised Jan.'91***	***Prelim. Jan.'92***	***Revised Dec.'91***	***Revised Jan.'91***	***Prelim. Jan.'92***	***Revised Dec.'91***	***Revised Jan.'91***
Manufacturing	$550.11	$583.38	$523.59	40.9	41.7	38.9	$13.45	$13.99	$13.46
Durable Goods	574.49	588.87	549.66	40.4	40.5	38.9	14.22	14.54	14.13
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	565.46	524.03	549.48	44.7	42.5	43.3	12.65	12.33	12.69
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	640.76	661.69	580.62	39.7	40.2	37.1	16.14	16.46	15.65
Nondurable Goods	517.48	577.70	481.90	41.8	43.6	38.8	12.38	13.25	12.42

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment fell by 1,500 during January 1992 in the Parkersburg MSA. The local goods-producing sector declined by 600, notably in construction (-400) and nondurable goods manufacturing (-200). In the service-producing sector, employment decreased by 900 jobs over the month, as retail trade (-500) and government (-200) declined. Services and transportation and public utilities each fell by 100 jobs over the month. Most of these decreases resulted from seasonal factors. Comparison with year-ago January 1991 data surprisingly indicates a slight increase of 300 jobs, resulting from gains in services (+600) and trade (+400). The goods-producing sector fell by 900 over the year as construction (-300) and manufacturing (-600) both declined. No labor-management disputes were noted for January 1992 in the local MSA.

Unemployment: Total unemployment increased by 400 during January 1992 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. The area unemployment rate advanced sharply to 6.7 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data reveals an increase in the MSA rate from 6.2 percent to the current 6.7 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Labor Force	69.1	70.4	69.0
Employment	64.5	66.2	64.7
Unemployment	4.6	4.2	4.3
Rate (%)	6.7	5.9	6.2

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Labor Force	74.2	74.1	73.0
Employment	66.5	67.8	66.8
Unemployment	7.8	6.3	6.2
Rate (%)	10.5	8.5	8.5

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*	*Dec. 1991*	*Jan. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	61.1	62.6	60.8	-1.5	0.3
PRIVATE SECTOR	51.1	52.4	51.0	-1.3	0.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	16.2	16.8	17.1	-0.6	-0.9
Mining	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.2	2.6	2.5	-0.4	-0.3
Manufacturing	13.6	13.8	14.2	-0.2	-0.6
Durable Goods	6.7	6.7	6.9	0.0	-0.2
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.0	-0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	6.9	7.1	7.3	-0.2	-0.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.2	5.3	5.5	-0.1	-0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.8	1.8	-0.1	-0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	44.9	45.8	43.7	-0.9	1.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.6	2.7	2.6	-0.1	0.0
Trade	14.8	15.3	14.4	-0.5	0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	11.9	12.4	11.6	-0.5	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Services	15.2	15.3	14.6	-0.1	0.6
Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.6	0.0	0.1
Government	10.0	10.2	9.8	-0.2	0.2
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
State	1.1	1.2	1.1	-0.1	0.0
Local	7.0	7.1	6.9	-0.1	0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			**Average Weekly Hours**			**Average Hourly Earnings**		
	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*	*Prelim. Jan. '92*	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*	*Prelim. Jan. '92*	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Manufacturing	$607.75	$600.43	$575.19	41.4	41.9	42.2	$14.68	$14.33	$13.63
Durable Goods	499.48	491.88	490.44	38.6	38.7	40.2	12.94	12.71	12.20
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	604.65	561.00	540.67	43.5	42.5	44.1	13.90	13.20	12.26
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	481.64	481.97	510.90	34.7	34.9	38.5	13.88	13.81	13.27
Nondurable Goods	743.10	735.09	675.69	44.9	45.8	44.6	16.55	16.05	15.15

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment fell by 1,700 during January 1992 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area. The majority of this monthly decline occurred in the local service-producing sector (-1,400) particularly in total trade (-700) and government (-400). Total services decreased by 300 jobs. The local goods-producing sector declined by 300, generally in the construction industry (-300). The majority of this overall monthly decrease was related to seasonal factors. Comparison with year-ago January 1991 figures indicates a slight decline of 200 jobs. In the goods-producing industries manufacturing fell by 400, while mining advanced by 200 over the year. The service-producing sector was unchanged, as gains in total services (+400), finance, insurance and real estate (+100) and transportation and public utilities (+100) were offset by losses in total trade (-400) and government (-200). No labor-management disputes were recorded for January 1992.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment increased by 800 during January 1992 in the MSA, with the corresponding unemployment rate increasing to 7.2 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data indicates an increase of 500 unemployed over the year with the unemployment rate advancing from 6.3 percent to the current 7.2 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Labor Force	67.7	69.1	67.8
Employment	62.8	65.1	63.6
Unemployment	4.8	4.0	4.3
Rate (%)	7.2	5.8	6.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*
Labor Force	72.9	72.8	71.8
Employment	64.8	66.7	65.6
Unemployment	8.2	6.1	6.2
Rate (%)	11.2	8.4	8.7

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Jan. '92	*Revised Dec. '91*	*Revised Jan. '91*	*Dec. 1991*	*Jan. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	58.8	60.5	59.0	-1.7	-0.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	49.8	51.1	49.8	-1.3	0.0
GOODS-PRODUCING	10.7	11.0	10.9	-0.3	-0.2
Mining	2.2	2.1	2.0	0.1	0.2
Construction	1.5	1.8	1.5	-0.3	0.0
Manufacturing	7.0	7.1	7.4	-0.1	-0.4
Durable Goods	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.2	4.3	4.5	-0.1	-0.3
SERVICE-PRODUCING	48.1	49.5	48.1	-1.4	0.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.1
Trade	14.9	15.6	15.3	-0.7	-0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.8	2.7	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	12.2	12.8	12.6	-0.6	-0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
Services	17.7	18.0	17.3	-0.3	0.4
Health Services	7.9	7.9	7.8	0.0	0.1
Government	9.0	9.4	9.2	-0.4	-0.2
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.7	2.0	1.8	-0.3	-0.1
Local	6.6	6.7	6.7	-0.1	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			**Average Weekly Hours**			**Average Hourly Earnings**		
	Jan. '92	*Dec. '91*	*Jan. '91*	*Jan. '92*	*Dec. '91*	*Jan. '91*	*Jan. '92*	*Dec. '91*	*Jan. '91*
Manufacturing	$508.41	$564.54	$545.92	37.8	38.8	40.2	$13.45	$14.55	$13.58
Nondurable Goods	563.80	671.06	592.66	40.3	44.5	41.1	13.99	15.08	14.42
Durable Goods	442.31	440.50	487.11	34.8	32.2	39.0	12.71	13.68	12.49

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	*Applicants Available Program Year to Date*	*Active File*	*NONFARM JOB OPENINGS*				*Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date*	*Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month*
			Received Program Year to Date	*UNFILLED*		*FILLED*		
				Total	*30 Days or More*	*Total*		
TOTAL	149,896	71,011	24,124	1,971	1,175	18,229	6.2	36.0
Professional, Technical & Managerial	15,538	7,362	854	180	99	344	18.2	40.9
Clerical & Sales	39,621	16,401	5,330	605	306	3,529	7.4	27.1
Services	18,007	7,699	4,082	228	122	2,862	4.4	33.8
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,376	720	90	37	6	32	15.3	19.5
Processing	7,952	4,215	527	80	76	494	15.1	52.7
Machine Trades	10,378	5,479	766	91	45	472	13.5	60.2
Benchwork	6,258	3,230	466	75	54	272	13.4	43.1
Structural Work	25,943	14,367	1,416	176	107	859	18.3	81.6
Miscellaneous	30,764	13,244	10,593	499	360	9,365	2.9	26.5
Transportation	6,908	3,570	740	72	48	459	9.3	49.6
Packaging & Materials Handling	17,596	6,004	9,356	305	238	8,618	1.9	19.7
Other	6,260	3,670	497	122	74	288	12.6	30.1
Entry Total	20	3	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

	Jan. 1992	*Dec. 1991*	*Jan. 1991*	*Percent Change: Dec. 1991*	*Percent Change: Jan. 1991*
Initial Claims	17,278	13,598	18,148	27.1	-4.8
Weeks Claimed	129,019	109,148	132,744	18.2	-2.8
Benefits Paid	$15,560,107	$13,853,871	$15,709,204	12.3	-0.9
Weeks Compensated	103,097	90,099	105,945	14.4	-2.7
Average Weekly Payment	$150.93	$153.76	$148.28	-1.8	1.8
Trust Fund Balance, End of Month	$140,047,419	$149,736,209	$136,482,309	-6.5	2.6

Workers' Compensation

Select Workers' Compensation Claims Activities

	Jan. 1992	*Dec. 1991*	*Jan. 1991*	*Percent Change: Dec. 1991*	*Percent Change: Jan. 1991*
Temporary Disability Benefits Paid	6,360,472	8,293,464	8,137,768	-23.3	-21.8
Medical Benefits Paid	5,802,962	6,792,500	8,394,805	-14.6	-30.9
Permanent Partial Disability Benefits Paid	3,214,682	2,876,859	2,959,888	11.7	8.6
Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	9,076,354	8,263,538	5,452,427	9.8	66.5
Benefits to Dependents of Fatalities	1,565,388	1,994,263	1,521,647	-21.5	2.9
Funeral Benefits Paid	3,500	31,269	10,500	-88.8	-66.7
Miscellaneous Benefits Paid*	222,450	104,915	315,450	112.0	-29.5
DWRF** Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	677,253	622,460	602,553	8.8	12.4
DWRF** Benefits Paid to Dependents of Fatalities	978,949	1,008,925	975,560	-3.0	0.3
Sum of All Benefits Paid	27,902,010	29,988,193	28,370,599	-7.0	-1.7

* *Includes returned benefit checks, attorney fees and specified dependent benefits.*

** *Disabled Workers' Relief Fund provides benefits to meet the weekly minimum benefit payable for worker's injured prior to July 1, 1971.*

Select Job Training Partnership Act Characteristics

Performance Standard Report
July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991

Job Training Program	**Standard**	**Actual**
Entered Employment Rate - Adults	68	68
Average Wage at Placements Adults	4.95	4.81
Cost Per Entered Employment Adults	4,500	2,284
Entered Employment Rate - Welfare Recipients	56	58
Entered Employment Rate - Youth (Out of School Programs)	45	53
Positive Termination Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	75	85
Cost Per Positive Termination - Youth	4,900	2,101
Employability Enhancement Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	33	52

Characteristics	**Enrolled**	**Positive Outlook***
Adult	8,582	6,951
Female	5,406	4,379
Male	3,176	2,572
Youth	7,326	5,495
Female	3,882	2,912
Male	3,444	2,583
School Dropout	**	2,341
High School Graduate /Equivalent or above	**	6,355
Single Parent	**	2,777
Black	**	904
Hispanic	**	35
Handicapped	**	1,059
Unemployed	**	6,648
Welfare	**	2,841
Veterans	**	772

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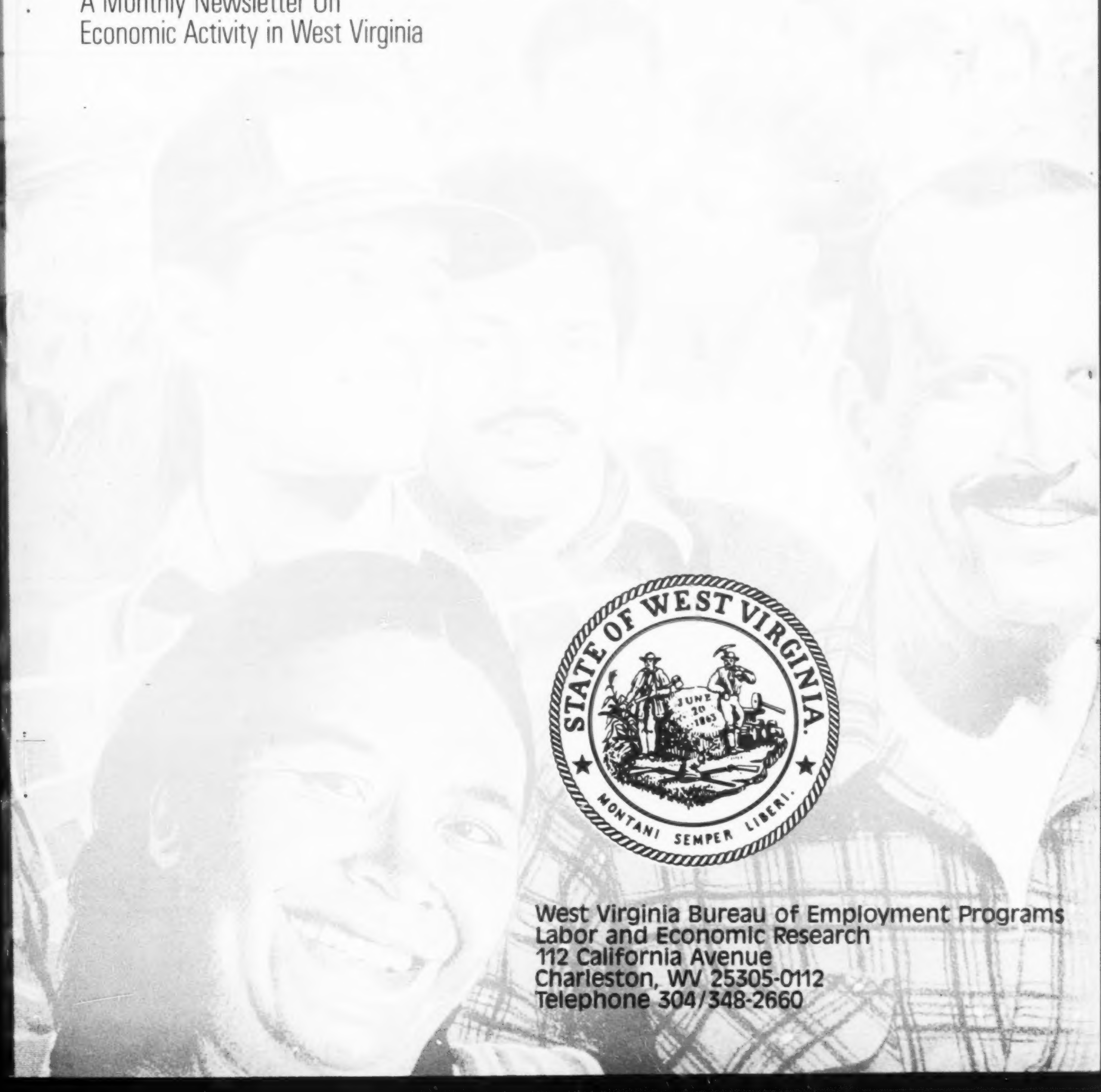

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According to the 1990 census, almost 64 percent of West Virginia's people live in rural areas. Among the 50 states, only Vermont has a more rural population.

Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force in West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	*Prelim.* *Feb. '92*	*Revised* *Jan. '92*	*Revised* *Feb. '91*	*Change from:* *Jan.* *1992*	*Change from:* *Feb.* *1991*
Civilian Labor Force	729.4	731.4	721.9	-2.0	7.5
Total Employment	665.0	666.0	664.3	-1.0	0.7
Total Unemployment	64.4	65.4	57.7	-1.0	6.7
Unemployment Rate	8.8	8.9	8.0	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*					
Civilian Labor Force	782.4	788.9	770.6	-6.5	11.8
Total Employment	677.8	679.1	687.1	-1.3	-9.3
Total Unemployment	104.7	109.8	83.5	-5.1	21.2
Unemployment Rate	13.4	13.9	10.8	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment in West Virginia decreased 1,000 during the month to an estimated 665,000 in mid-February. Employment often dips a little between January and February. Employment on nonfarm payrolls throughout the State moved down 1,300 to 617,900 in February. Among goods-producing industries, mining lost 700 jobs, due in part to temporary layoffs in the coal industry, and construction experienced a seasonal reduction of 600. Manufacturing contracted slightly in apparel and chemicals. Goods-producing companies altogether cut back employment 1,500 over the month.

Total service-producing employment varied little, as the January count of 482,000 marginally increased to 482,200 in February. Trade's sharp decline of 1,300 was a seasonal fluctuation typical for this time of year. The services sector gain of 1,000 reflects seasonal changes and an ongoing pattern of employment additions by health and social services businesses. Total government went up a slight 300 while other sectors remained largely unchanged.

The count of nonfarm payroll jobs this month remains 2,400 ahead of last February. Additional employees have been added in the service-producing industries, which are up 7,600 over the year, while goods-producing employment has fallen by 5,200 since February of 1991. Recessionary conditions have caused a significant portion of the goods-producing loss, which may be recovered as soon as the national economy improves.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents declined 1,000 since mid-January. February's 64,400 unemployed residents represented an unemployment rate of 8.8 percent for the month, down from 8.9 last month but still above the 8.0 rate in February of 1991. The increase since last year reflects an economy weakened by the national recession.

West Virginia Economic Indicators

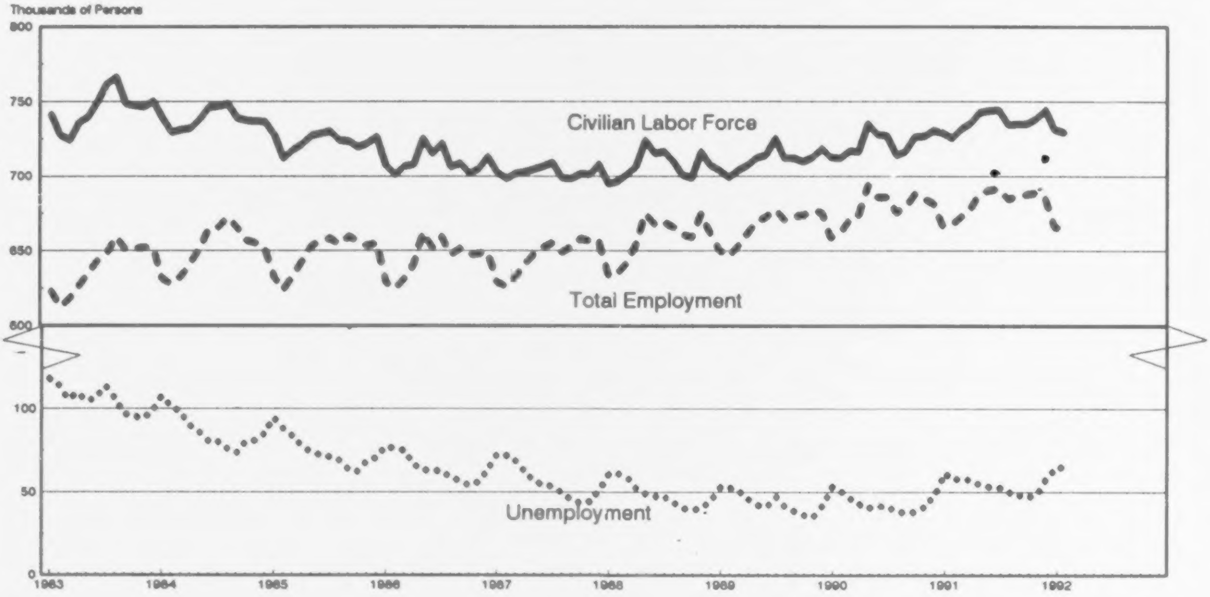
	Feb. 1992	*Jan. 1992*	*Feb. 1991*
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.6	40.5	40.5
Seasonally Adjusted	39.8	40.6	39.7
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,544	2,544	2,558
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$483.98	$486.41	$467.78
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	45.7	47.5	44.7
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$815.29	$882.55	$821.59
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	13,358	14,296	13,566
Seasonally Adjusted	14,565	14,346	14,792
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,152	1,259	1,159
Seasonally Adjusted	1,071	1,166	1,078
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	5,003	6,268	3,802
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,296	1,868	1,334
Seasonally Adjusted	1,204	1,181	1,240
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	2,307	3,756	2,327
Seasonally Adjusted	2,024	1,861	2,042
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	4.8	5.1	5.6
Seasonally Adjusted	3.3	3.7	3.8
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted	7.3	7.4	6.6

Selected National Data

	Feb. 1992	*Jan. 1992*	*Feb. 1991*
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	8.1	8.0	7.2
Seasonally Adjusted	7.3	7.1	6.5
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	138.6	138.1	134.8
1967 Base	415.2	413.8	403.8
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	121.9	121.7	121.4
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	470.6	692.5	497.9
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	3.8	3.9	3.8
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.2	3.1
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	$361.18	$354.90	$346.80
Average Weekly Hours	34.3	33.8	33.9
Average Hourly Earnings	$10.53	$10.50	$10.23

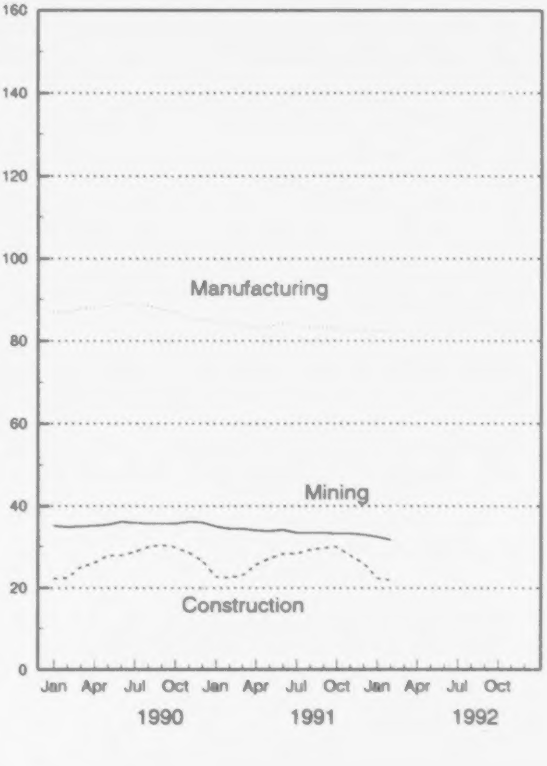
Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Total Employment, Unemployment and Civilian Labor Force



Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



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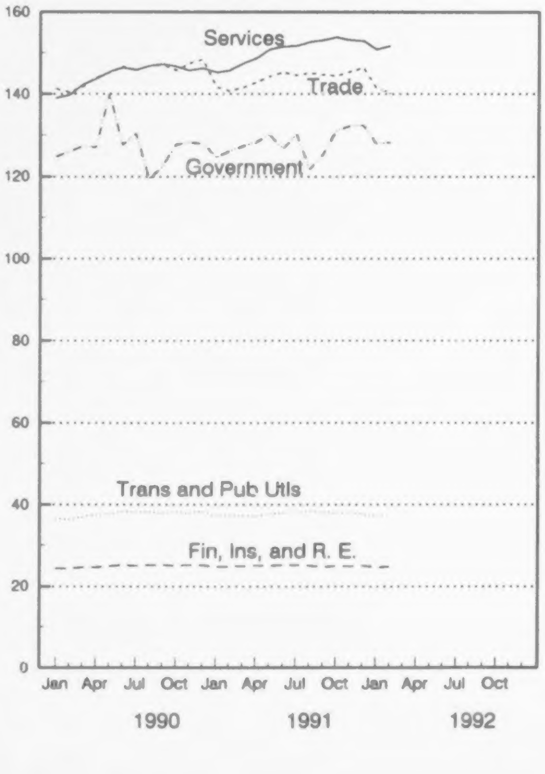


Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Feb.'92	*Revised Jan.'92*	*Revised Feb.'91*	*Jan. 1992*	*Feb. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	617.9	619.2	615.5	-1.3	2.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	489.7	491.3	489.5	-1.6	0.2
GOODS-PRODUCING	135.7	137.2	140.9	-1.5	-5.2
Mining	31.8	32.5	34.5	-0.7	-2.7
Coal Mining	26.7	27.3	29.2	-0.6	-2.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.2	4.3	4.4	-0.1	-0.2
Other Mining	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Construction	21.8	22.4	22.5	-0.6	-0.7
General Building Contractors	5.7	5.9	5.8	-0.2	-0.1
Heavy Construction	5.3	5.4	6.3	-0.1	-1.0
Special Trade Contractors	10.8	11.1	10.4	-0.3	0.4
Manufacturing	82.1	82.3	83.9	-0.2	-1.8
Durable Goods	44.9	44.9	46.8	0.0	-1.9
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.7	7.7	7.4	0.0	0.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.0	7.0	7.3	0.0	-0.3
Primary Metals Industries	13.1	13.1	13.7	0.0	-0.6
Fabricated Metal Products	5.6	5.6	5.5	0.0	0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.8	4.8	5.9	0.0	-1.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	1.8	1.8	2.2	0.0	-0.4
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	37.2	37.4	37.1	-0.2	0.1
Food & Kindred Products	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.0	4.1	4.1	-0.1	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	5.2	5.2	5.2	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	17.0	17.1	17.3	-0.1	-0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	4.6	0.0	0.3
SERVICE-PRODUCING	482.2	482.0	474.6	0.2	7.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.2	37.1	37.3	0.1	-0.1
Railroad Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.8	0.0	-0.3
Trucking & Warehousing	9.8	9.8	9.8	0.0	0.0
Other Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.2	0.0	0.3
Communications	8.1	8.0	8.2	0.1	-0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.3	12.3	12.3	0.0	0.0
Trade	140.2	141.5	140.7	-1.3	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	29.5	29.7	29.9	-0.2	-0.4
Retail Trade	110.7	111.8	110.8	-1.1	-0.1
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	4.5	4.6	4.3	-0.1	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	16.2	16.8	15.2	-0.6	1.0
Food Stores	22.1	22.1	22.1	0.0	0.0
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.3	14.3	14.2	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.5	4.7	5.8	-0.2	-1.3
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.1	4.1	4.3	0.0	-0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	33.0	33.2	33.1	-0.2	-0.1
Miscellaneous Retail	12.0	12.0	11.8	0.0	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.8	24.7	24.8	0.1	0.0
Finance	14.1	14.0	14.0	0.1	0.1
Insurance	6.7	6.7	6.9	0.0	-0.2
Real Estate	4.0	4.0	3.9	0.0	0.1
Services	151.8	150.8	145.8	1.0	6.0
Agricultural Services	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.0	8.1	7.8	-0.1	0.2
Personal Services	6.5	6.4	6.7	0.1	-0.2
Business Services	14.0	13.9	13.8	0.1	0.2
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.7	5.6	5.6	0.1	0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	5.0	5.0	4.8	0.0	0.2
Health Services	59.1	58.9	56.1	0.2	3.0
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.9	10.9	10.4	0.0	0.5
Hospitals	29.6	29.5	28.1	0.1	1.5
Other Health Services	18.6	18.5	17.6	0.1	1.0
Legal Services	4.1	4.1	3.9	0.0	0.2
Educational Services	5.9	5.6	5.7	0.3	0.2
Social Services	13.0	12.8	11.7	0.2	1.3
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.6	19.6	0.0	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	7.9	7.8	7.3	0.1	0.6
Government	128.2	127.9	126.0	0.3	2.2
Federal	17.0	17.0	16.2	0.0	0.8
Hospitals	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.0	0.2
U S Postal Service	5.1	5.1	4.9	0.0	0.2
Other Federal	8.7	8.7	8.3	0.0	0.4
State	40.0	39.7	39.0	0.3	1.0
Hospitals	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1
Education	18.3	18.1	18.0	0.2	0.3
Other State	19.2	19.1	18.6	0.1	0.6
Local	71.2	71.2	70.8	0.0	0.4
Hospitals	5.0	5.0	4.9	0.0	0.1
Education	45.4	45.4	45.8	0.0	-0.4
Other Local	20.8	20.8	20.1	0.0	0.7
Labor-Management Dispute Status	1.8	1.8	1.9	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Nót Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb.'92	*Revised Jan.'92*	*Revised Feb.'91*	*Change From:*	
				Jan. 1992	*Feb. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	281.2	281.6	274.6	-0.4	6.6
PRIVATE SECTOR	213.0	213.6	207.9	-0.6	5.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	23.4	23.8	24.0	-0.4	-0.6
Mining	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.0	2.1	2.2	-0.1	-0.2
General Building Contractors	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.0	-0.1
Heavy Construction	0.4	0.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	19.4	19.7	19.8	-0.3	-0.4
Durable Goods	7.2	7.4	7.7	-0.2	-0.5
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.0
Primary Metals Industries	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.4	0.6	0.8	-0.2	-0.4
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	12.2	12.3	12.1	-0.1	0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.9	2.0	2.0	-0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.8	0.0	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	257.8	257.8	250.6	0.0	7.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.1	8.3	7.9	-0.2	0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.1	0.9	-0.1	0.1
Other Transportation	0.6	0.7	0.6	-0.1	0.0
Communications	3.8	3.8	3.6	0.0	0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Trade	67.0	67.2	65.5	-0.2	1.5
Wholesale Trade	6.1	6.1	5.7	0.0	0.4
Retail Trade	60.9	61.1	59.8	-0.2	1.1
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.5	11.8	10.3	-0.3	1.2
Food Stores	11.7	11.7	11.5	0.0	0.2
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.6	3.6	3.4	0.0	0.2
Apparel & Accessory Stores	3.8	3.9	4.8	-0.1	-1.0
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.4	1.4	1.6	0.0	-0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	20.0	19.8	19.3	0.2	.7
Miscellaneous Retail	8.0	8.0	8.1	0.0	-0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.6	15.3	15.5	0.3	0.1
Finance	11.0	10.8	11.0	0.2	0.0
Insurance	3.2	3.1	3.1	0.1	0.1
Real Estate	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Services	98.9	99.0	95.0	-0.1	3.9
Agricultural Services	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3.9	4.2	4.1	-0.3	-0.2
Personal Services	4.2	4.1	4.3	0.1	-0.1
Business Services	7.3	7.4	6.8	-0.1	0.5
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	0.2
Health Services	48.6	48.6	46.2	0.0	2.4
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.8	9.8	9.2	0.0	0.6
Hospitals	24.4	24.4	23.3	0.0	1.1
Other Health Services	14.4	14.4	13.7	0.0	0.7
Legal Services	3.3	3.3	3.1	0.0	0.2
Educational Services	2.8	2.9	3.2	-0.1	-0.4
Social Services	9.3	9.2	8.5	0.1	0.8
Membership Organizations	11.7	11.5	11.6	0.2	0.1
Engineering & Management Services	2.8	2.8	2.6	0.0	0.2
Government	68.2	68.0	66.7	0.2	1.5
Federal	7.2	7.3	7.0	-0.1	0.2
Hospitals	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	4.0	4.1	4.0	-0.1	0.0
State	19.8	19.6	19.1	0.2	0.7
Hospitals	1.8	1.7	1.7	0.1	0.1
Education	10.1	10.1	9.5	0.0	0.6
Other State	7.9	7.8	7.9	0.1	0.0
Local	41.2	41.1	40.6	0.1	0.6
Hospitals	4.2	4.1	4.1	0.1	0.1
Education	29.6	29.7	29.6	-0.1	0.0
Other Local	7.4	7.3	6.9	0.1	0.5

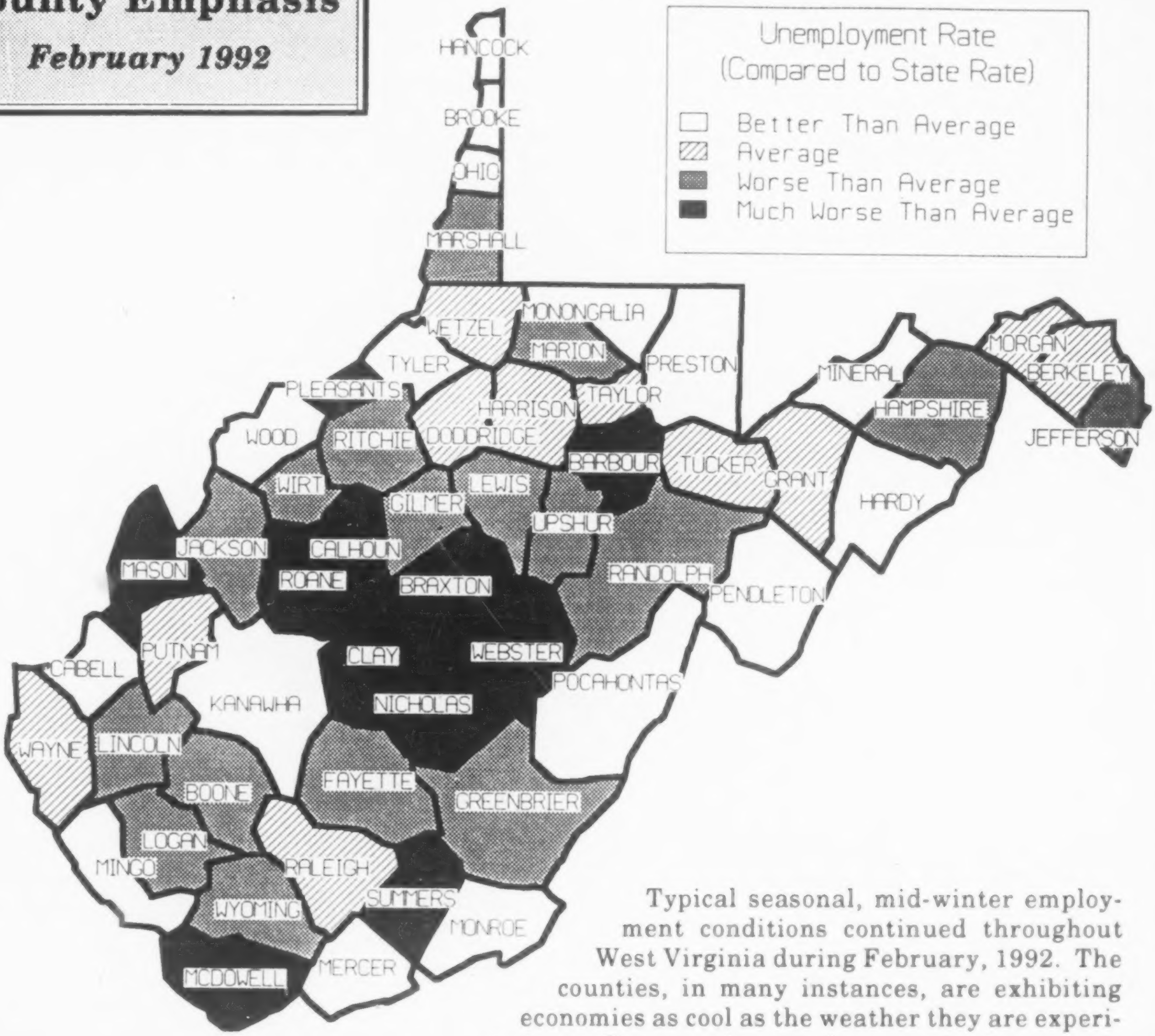
Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia
Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb.'92	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*	*Feb.'92*	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*	*Feb.'92*	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	$360.63	$360.06	$349.47	35.6	35.3	35.3	$10.13	$10.20	$9.90
Mining	768.62	824.03	772.15	45.4	46.9	44.3	16.93	17.57	17.43
Coal Mining	815.29	882.55	821.59	45.7	47.5	44.7	17.84	18.58	18.38
Oil & Gas Extraction	515.37	490.06	445.46	44.2	43.6	41.4	11.66	11.24	10.76
Other Mining	452.12	447.02	494.86	43.1	42.9	43.6	10.49	10.42	11.35
Construction	527.44	498.79	467.88	36.4	35.3	35.1	14.49	14.13	13.33
Manufacturing	483.98	486.41	467.78	40.5	40.5	40.5	11.95	12.01	11.55
Durable Goods	498.42	503.42	476.89	41.5	41.4	40.9	12.01	12.16	11.66
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	312.07	307.68	290.14	40.9	39.7	39.8	7.63	7.75	7.29
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	468.79	471.24	443.82	40.8	39.5	39.0	11.49	11.93	11.38
Primary Metals Industries	657.66	664.60	647.02	42.9	43.1	43.6	15.33	15.42	14.84
Fabricated Metal Products	450.04	466.75	426.10	39.1	40.8	39.2	11.51	11.44	10.87
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	500.35	501.82	456.30	41.8	41.2	38.9	11.97	12.18	11.73
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	582.99	595.32	557.28	43.9	45.1	43.1	13.28	13.20	12.93
Transportation Equipment	521.33	538.57	451.31	43.3	44.4	42.1	12.04	12.13	10.72
Nondurable Goods	466.88	463.74	454.46	39.3	39.3	39.9	11.88	11.80	11.39
Food & Kindred Products	365.38	381.40	354.14	38.1	38.8	37.2	9.59	9.83	9.52
Textile Mill Products	253.65	279.89	235.20	38.2	40.8	35.0	6.64	6.86	6.72
Apparel & Other Textile Products	216.55	212.41	205.92	37.4	37.2	35.2	5.79	5.71	5.85
Paper & Allied Products	386.57	345.98	280.74	43.0	38.7	39.1	8.99	8.94	7.18
Printing & Publishing	304.96	310.94	347.05	31.9	32.8	37.6	9.56	9.48	9.23
Chemicals & Allied Products	731.18	724.35	679.26	44.1	43.9	43.1	16.58	16.50	15.76
Transportation & Public Utilities	502.25	498.16	503.89	41.0	40.6	41.1	12.25	12.27	12.26
Trucking & Warehousing	407.83	402.90	405.72	43.9	42.1	41.4	9.29	9.57	9.80
Communications	498.02	502.57	532.47	36.7	37.2	40.4	13.57	13.51	13.18
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	652.26	641.51	624.98	42.0	42.4	42.2	15.53	15.13	14.81
Trade	239.72	236.08	224.84	31.5	30.9	30.8	7.61	7.64	7.30
Wholesale Trade	468.46	461.30	427.10	40.7	40.5	39.4	11.51	11.39	10.84
Retail Trade	181.58	179.55	172.14	29.1	28.5	28.5	6.24	6.30	6.04
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	253.55	250.87	267.33	38.3	38.3	39.9	6.62	6.55	6.70
General Merchandise Stores	184.47	194.32	177.15	28.6	28.0	26.8	6.45	6.94	6.61
Food Stores	184.21	178.20	174.43	27.7	27.0	27.6	6.65	6.60	6.32
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	267.14	259.18	269.38	36.1	35.7	36.6	7.40	7.26	7.36
Apparel & Accessory Stores	135.90	136.22	125.90	26.7	26.4	25.8	5.09	5.16	4.88
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	293.73	280.87	270.48	37.9	37.4	34.9	7.75	7.51	7.75
Eating & Drinking Places	125.44	119.81	110.70	25.6	24.5	24.6	4.90	4.89	4.50
Miscellaneous Retail	196.04	198.69	184.83	30.3	29.7	30.3	6.47	6.69	6.10
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	318.17	304.61	307.82	37.3	36.7	36.3	8.53	8.30	8.48
Finance	270.11	255.23	250.97	36.9	36.1	35.7	7.32	7.07	7.03
Insurance	446.22	441.18	450.03	38.5	38.7	38.3	11.59	11.40	11.75
Real Estate	305.25	284.96	309.92	37.0	36.3	35.5	8.25	7.85	8.73
Services	289.67	284.08	275.13	33.8	33.5	33.8	8.57	8.48	8.14
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	228.96	202.65	225.27	28.8	26.7	28.3	7.95	7.59	7.96
Personal Services	230.08	214.84	203.80	33.2	32.8	33.3	6.93	6.55	6.12
Business Services	234.72	236.47	232.46	32.6	33.4	33.4	7.20	7.08	6.96
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	347.94343.41337.35		40.6	39.7	39.0	8.57	8.65	8.65	
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	159.75	167.18	145.42	25.0	26.0	24.9	6.39	6.43	5.84
Health Services	330.62	330.26	309.40	36.9	36.9	36.4	8.96	8.95	8.50
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	194.81	195.10	191.05	33.3	32.9	34.8	5.85	5.93	5.49
Hospitals	396.04	402.04	366.07	38.6	39.3	37.7	10.26	10.23	9.71
Other Health Services	302.16	291.23	286.64	36.1	35.3	35.3	8.37	8.25	8.12
Legal Services	433.94	396.13	407.00	38.3	37.3	37.0	11.33	10.62	11.00
Social Services	203.31	190.67	186.33	30.3	28.5	30.9	6.71	6.69	6.03
Engineering & Management Services	499.80	460.02	404.78	40.7	37.4	37.0	-12.28	12.30	10.94

The above figures represent the hours and earnings f more than 400,000 private sector production and nonsupervisory workers in West Virginia. Comparable totals for the United States appear at the bottom of page 3. Additional industry detail for the United States and for other states is available upon request.

County Emphasis

February 1992



Unemployment Rate
(Compared to State Rate)
Better Than Average
Average
Worse Than Average
Much Worse Than Average
HANCOCK
BROOKE
OHIO
MARSHALL
WETZEL
MONONGALIA
MARION
PRESTON
TYLER
PLEASANTS
HARRISON
TAYLOR
MINERAL
HAMPSHIRE
MORGAN
BERKELEY
JEFFERSON
WOOD
RITCHIE
DODDRIDGE
BARBOUR
TUCKER
GRANT
HARDY
WIRT
GILMER
LEWIS
UPSHUR
JACKSON
CALHOUN
MASON
ROANE
BRAXTON
RANDOLPH
PENDLETON
PUTNAM
CABELL
CLAY
WEBSTER
POCAHONTAS
KANAWHA
NICHOLAS
WAYNE
LINCOLN
BOONE
FAYETTE
GREENBRIER
LOGAN
MINGO
RALEIGH
WYOMING
SUMMERS
MONROE
MCDOWELL
MERCER

Typical seasonal, mid-winter employment conditions continued throughout West Virginia during February, 1992. The counties, in many instances, are exhibiting economies as cool as the weather they are experiencing. Construction employment is down as it normally is this time of year while mining and manufacturing jobs have contracted slightly during the thirty day period. Service producing employment provided only a minor positive improvement over the month. Because of this basic seasonal inactivity, several counties continued to post unemployment rates considered much worse than average. Included in this group are Calhoun (20.0), Roane (17.5), Barbour (17.2), Braxton (16.9), Clay (15.1), Nicholas (14.1), McDowell (13.9), Summers (13.8), Mason 13.7), Pleasants (13.7), and Webster (13.1). Except for Calhoun and Roane however, all these rates were declines from the previous month.

While the economies were predictably dormant in many areas, a number of counties displayed a degree of economic resilience and registered unemployment rates considered better than average. Counties in this group are Cabell (7.7), Mingo (7.7), Preston (7.7), Hancock (7.6), Mercer (7.5), Tyler (7.5), Pocahontas (7.4), Brooke (7.3), Wood (7.3), Monroe (7.1), Kanawha (6.3), Mineral (6.3), Ohio (6.3), Hardy (6.2), Pendleton (5.5), Monongalia (4.3).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

February 1992

(Revised Janaury 1992 in parentheses)

These Labor Force Statistics Were Designed To Be Used For Economic Analysis

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,370	(4,350)	3,620	(3,520)	750	(830)	17.2	(19.2)
Berkeley	29,850	(29,860)	27,410	(27,410)	2,430	(2,440)	8.1	(8.2)
Boone	8,410	(8,420)	7,510	(7,530)	900	(890)	10.7	(10.6)
Braxton	5,160	(5,290)	4,290	(4,330)	870	(960)	16.9	(18.2)
Brooke	9,340	(9,400)	8,660	(8,690)	690	(710)	7.3	(7.6)
Cabell	42,980	(42,870)	39,680	(39,610)	3,310	(3,260)	7.7	(7.6)
Calhoun	2,860	(2,810)	2,290	(2,270)	570	(540)	20.0	(19.2)
Clay	3,110	(3,120)	2,640	(2,600)	470	(520)	15.1	(16.7)
Doddridge	2,370	(2,390)	2,180	(2,190)	190	(200)	7.9	(8.4)
Fayette	17,030	(17,340)	15,170	(15,190)	1,860	(2,140)	10.9	(12.4)
Gilmer	2,890	(2,820)	2,570	(2,560)	320	(260)	10.9	(9.2)
Grant	4,620	(4,620)	4,170	(4,180)	450	(430)	9.8	(9.4)
Greenbrier	15,000	(15,380)	13,280	(13,240)	1,720	(2,140)	11.5	(13.9)
Hampshire	6,830	(6,850)	6,050	(6,070)	790	(780)	11.5	(11.4)
Hancock	12,540	(12,520)	11,590	(11,640)	950	(880)	7.6	(7.0)
Hardy	5,630	(5,580)	5,280	(5,210)	350	(370)	6.2	(6.6)
Harrison	29,270	(29,430)	26,740	(26,870)	2,530	(2,560)	8.7	(8.7)
Jackson	9,290	(9,310)	8,140	(8,150)	1,150	(1,170)	12.4	(12.5)
Jefferson	17,180	(17,060)	15,420	(15,380)	1,770	(1,680)	10.3	(9.8)
Kanawha	96,270	(96,600)	90,200	(90,200)	6,070	(6,400)	6.3	(6.6)
Lewis	7,310	(7,230)	6,480	(6,470)	830	(770)	11.4	(10.6)
Lincoln	7,640	(7,530)	6,670	(6,590)	970	(940)	12.7	(12.5)
Logan	12,990	(13,000)	11,690	(11,730)	1,310	(1,270)	10.0	(9.8)
McDowell	6,550	(6,570)	5,640	(5,610)	910	(960)	13.9	(14.6)
Marion	21,940	(21,820)	19,450	(19,810)	2,490	(2,010)	11.3	(9.2)
Marshall	14,690	(14,410)	12,840	(12,950)	1,850	(1,460)	12.6	(10.1)
Mason	9,250	(9,360)	7,990	(8,050)	1,260	(1,310)	13.7	(14.0)
Mercer	25,940	(26,180)	23,980	(24,090)	1,950	(2,080)	7.5	(8.0)
Mineral	10,350	(10,360)	9,700	(9,680)	650	(680)	6.3	(6.6)
Mingo	11,440	(11,360)	10,560	(10,550)	880	(810)	7.7	(7.1)
Monongalia	40,570	(40,530)	38,810	(38,790)	1,760	(1,750)	4.3	(4.3)
Monroe	5,040	(5,050)	4,680	(4,670)	360	(390)	7.1	(7.6)
Morgan	5,090	(5,060)	4,690	(4,680)	400	(370)	7.9	(7.4)
Nicholas	8,760	(8,910)	7,530	(7,500)	1,230	(1,410)	14.1	(15.8)
Ohio	23,220	(23,420)	21,750	(21,950)	1,460	(1,470)	6.3	(6.3)
Pendleton	3,870	(3,850)	3,660	(3,660)	210	(190)	5.5	(4.9)
Pleasants	2,140	(2,150)	1,850	(1,850)	290	(310)	13.7	(14.2)
Pocahontas	5,010	(5,240)	4,640	(4,750)	370	(490)	7.4	(9.3)
Preston	13,100	(13,220)	12,090	(12,080)	1,010	(1,130)	7.7	(8.6)
Putnam	16,620	(16,710)	15,130	(15,130)	1,490	(1,580)	9.0	(9.4)
Raleigh	27,860	(27,830)	25,320	(25,230)	2,550	(2,590)	9.1	(9.3)
Randolph	11,620	(11,750)	10,410	(10,470)	1,210	(1,290)	10.4	(10.9)
Ritchie	5,190	(5,240)	4,660	(4,640)	520	(600)	10.1	(11.5)
Roane	4,990	(5,060)	4,120	(4,180)	870	(880)	17.5	(17.3)
Summers	4,150	(4,150)	3,580	(3,560)	570	(580)	13.8	(14.0)
Taylor	5,800	(5,830)	5,240	(5,270)	560	(560)	9.7	(9.6)
Tucker	3,990	(3,990)	3,670	(3,630)	330	(360)	8.1	(9.0)
Tyler	4,640	(4,670)	4,290	(4,330)	350	(340)	7.5	(7.2)
Upshur	8,030	(8,110)	7,050	(7,090)	980	(1,020)	12.2	(12.6)
Wayne	15,760	(15,870)	14,230	(14,210)	1,530	(1,660)	9.7	(10.5)
Webster	2,840	(2,880)	2,470	(2,460)	370	(420)	13.1	(14.6)
Wetzel	9,240	(9,230)	8,400	(8,470)	840	(760)	9.1	(8.3)
Wirt	2,020	(2,000)	1,770	(1,750)	250	(250)	12.4	(12.5)
Wood	40,230	(40,160)	37,300	(37,340)	2,930	(2,820)	7.3	(7.0)
Wyoming	6,500	(6,720)	5,770	(5,960)	730	(770)	11.2	(11.4)
Statewide	729,400	(731,400)	665,000	(666,000)	64,400	(65,400)	8.8	(8.9)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

February 1992

(Revised January 1992 in parentheses)

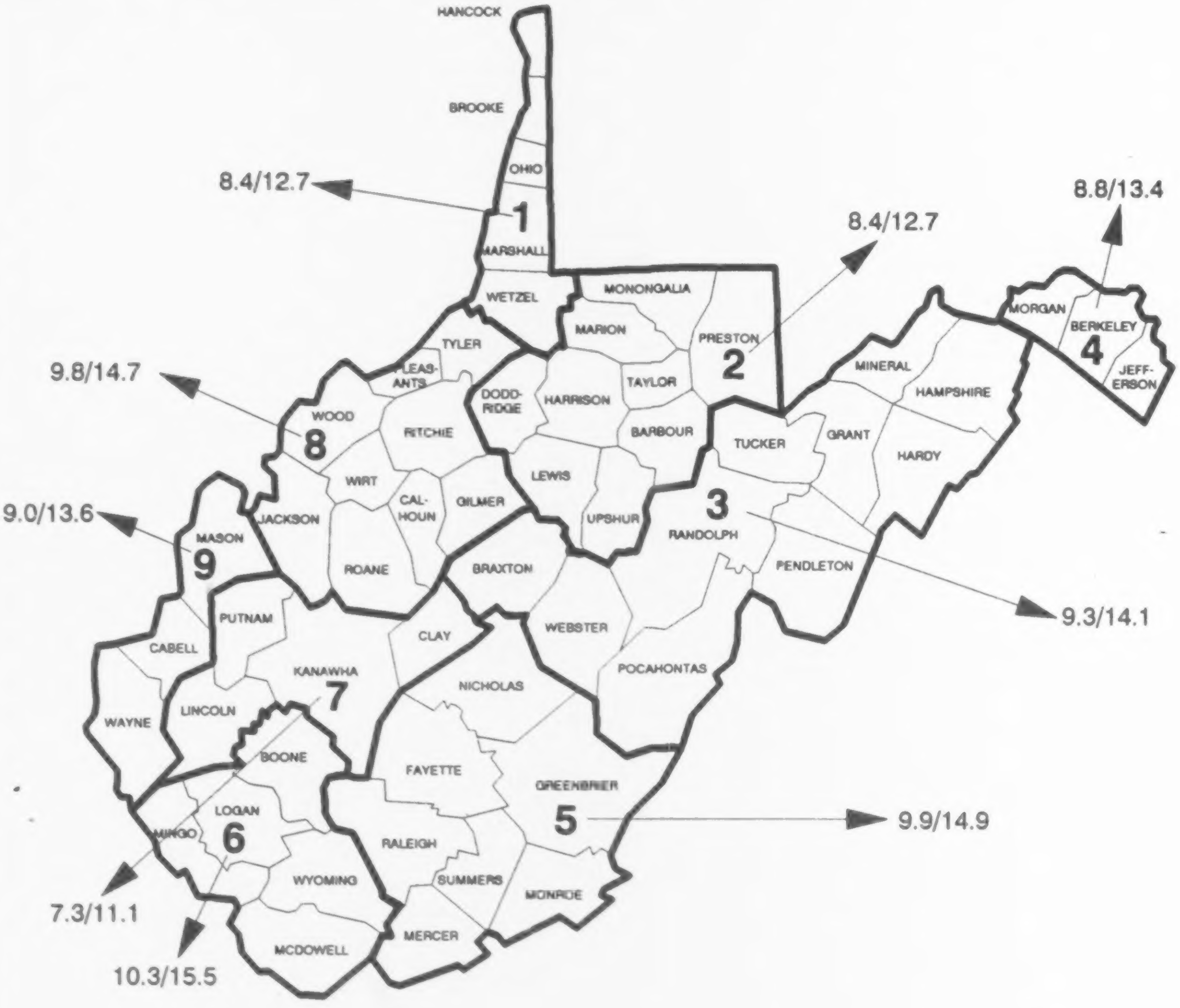
Approved by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to Allocate Federal Funds
and Determine Eligibility for Federal Assistance Programs

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,910	(4,980)	3,690	(3,580)	1,220	(1,400)	24.9	(28.1)
Berkeley	31,890	(32,050)	27,940	(27,960)	3,950	(4,100)	12.4	(12.8)
Boone	9,120	(9,170)	7,660	(7,670)	1,460	(1,500)	16.0	(16.3)
Braxton	5,790	(6,030)	4,370	(4,420)	1,420	(1,610)	24.5	(26.8)
Brooke	9,940	(10,050)	8,820	(8,860)	1,120	(1,190)	11.2	(11.9)
Cabell	45,810	(45,860)	40,440	(40,400)	5,370	(5,470)	11.7	(11.9)
Calhoun	3,260	(3,220)	2,330	(2,310)	930	(900)	28.5	(28.1)
Clay	3,460	(3,520)	2,690	(2,650)	770	(870)	22.1	(24.8)
Doddridge	2,530	(2,570)	2,220	(2,240)	300	(340)	12.0	(13.1)
Fayette	18,490	(19,090)	15,460	(15,490)	3,030	(3,600)	16.4	(18.8)
Gilmer	3,140	(3,040)	2,620	(2,610)	510	(440)	16.4	(14.4)
Grant	4,980	(4,990)	4,250	(4,270)	740	(730)	14.8	(14.6)
Greenbrier	16,330	(17,090)	13,540	(13,500)	2,790	(3,590)	17.1	(21.0)
Hampshire	7,440	(7,500)	6,160	(6,190)	1,280	(1,310)	17.2	(17.4)
Hancock	13,360	(13,350)	11,810	(11,870)	1,540	(1,480)	11.5	(11.1)
Hardy	5,940	(5,930)	5,380	(5,310)	560	(620)	9.5	(10.4)
Harrison	31,370	(31,700)	27,250	(27,400)	4,120	(4,300)	13.1	(13.6)
Jackson	10,160	(10,260)	8,290	(8,310)	1,870	(1,960)	18.4	(19.1)
Jefferson	18,590	(18,510)	15,710	(15,690)	2,880	(2,820)	15.5	(15.2)
Kanawha	101,790	(102,720)	91,930	(91,980)	9,860	(10,740)	9.7	(10.5)
Lewis	7,960	(7,880)	6,610	(6,590)	1,350	(1,280)	17.0	(16.3)
Lincoln	8,370	(8,290)	6,800	(6,720)	1,570	(1,570)	18.8	(19.0)
Logan	14,030	(14,100)	11,910	(11,960)	2,120	(2,140)	15.1	(15.2)
McDowell	7,230	(7,330)	5,750	(5,720)	1,480	(1,610)	20.4	(21.9)
Marion	23,870	(23,570)	19,820	(20,200)	4,040	(3,370)	16.9	(14.3)
Marshall	16,090	(15,660)	13,090	(13,210)	3,000	(2,450)	18.6	(15.6)
Mason	10,200	(10,400)	8,140	(8,210)	2,050	(2,190)	20.1	(21.1)
Mercer	27,620	(28,060)	24,440	(24,570)	3,180	(3,490)	11.5	(12.4)
Mineral	10,940	(11,010)	9,880	(9,870)	1,050	(1,140)	9.6	(10.4)
Mingo	12,190	(12,120)	10,760	(10,760)	1,430	(1,360)	11.7	(11.2)
Monongalia	42,420	(42,490)	39,560	(39,550)	2,870	(2,940)	6.8	(6.9)
Monroe	5,350	(5,410)	4,770	(4,760)	580	(650)	10.9	(12.0)
Morgan	5,430	(5,400)	4,780	(4,780)	650	(630)	12.0	(11.6)
Nicholas	9,680	(10,010)	7,670	(7,650)	2,000	(2,360)	20.7	(23.6)
Ohio	24,550	(24,850)	22,170	(22,380)	2,380	(2,470)	9.7	(9.9)
Pendleton	4,070	(4,050)	3,730	(3,730)	340	(320)	8.4	(7.9)
Pleasants	2,360	(2,390)	1,880	(1,880)	480	(510)	20.2	(21.3)
Pocahontas	5,330	(5,660)	4,730	(4,840)	600	(820)	11.3	(14.5)
Preston	13,960	(14,220)	12,320	(12,320)	1,640	(1,900)	11.7	(13.4)
Putnam	17,850	(18,080)	15,420	(15,430)	2,420	(2,650)	13.6	(14.6)
Raleigh	29,940	(30,080)	25,800	(25,730)	4,140	(4,350)	13.8	(14.5)
Randolph	12,570	(12,830)	10,610	(10,680)	1,960	(2,160)	15.6	(16.8)
Ritchie	5,600	(5,730)	4,750	(4,730)	850	(1,010)	15.2	(17.6)
Roane	5,610	(5,730)	4,200	(4,260)	1,420	(1,470)	25.2	(25.7)
Summers	4,570	(4,610)	3,640	(3,630)	930	(980)	20.3	(21.2)
Taylor	6,250	(6,310)	5,340	(5,370)	910	(940)	14.6	(14.9)
Tucker	4,270	(4,310)	3,740	(3,710)	530	(600)	12.4	(14.0)
Tyler	4,940	(4,980)	4,380	(4,420)	570	(570)	11.4	(11.4)
Upshur	8,780	(8,950)	7,190	(7,230)	1,590	(1,710)	18.1	(19.2)
Wayne	16,990	(17,280)	14,510	(14,490)	2,480	(2,780)	14.6	(16.1)
Webster	3,120	(3,220)	2,520	(2,510)	600	(710)	19.3	(22.0)
Wetzel	9,930	(9,910)	8,560	(8,640)	1,370	(1,280)	13.8	(12.9)
Wirt	2,210	(2,210)	1,800	(1,790)	410	(420)	18.4	(19.0)
Wood	42,780	(42,810)	38,010	(38,080)	4,770	(4,740)	11.1	(11.1)
Wyoming	7,070	(7,360)	5,890	(6,080)	1,190	(1,280)	16.8	(17.4)
Statewide	782,400	(788,900)	677,800	(679,100)	104,700	(109,800)	13.4	(13.9)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

Partnership for Progress Area Unemployment Rates

WV Series / BLS Series ***February 1992***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PRESTON
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JEFF-ERSON
TYLER
PLEAS-ANTS
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HARRISON
TAYLOR
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GRANT
HARDY
WIRT
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RANDOLPH
ROANE
BRAXTON
PENDLETON
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PUTNAM
CLAY
WEBSTER
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NICHOLAS
POCAHONTAS
WAYNE
LINCOLN
BOONE
FAYETTE
GREENBRIER
LOGAN
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WYOMING
SUMMERS
MONROE
7.3/11.1
MERCER
MCDOWELL
10.3/15.5

A look at the February 1992 West Virginia series unemployment rates for the Partnership for Progress Areas provides a mixed view of mid-winter labor market conditions. There were nearly as many decreases in the unemployment rate as there were increases for the month. Of those areas posting gains, Areas 8, 4, 6, and 2 gained two-tenths of a percent or less. Only Area 1 expanded substantially (+0.7) in February. Declines in the unemployment rate were recorded by Area 9 (-0.1), Area 7 (-0.3), Area 5 (-0.9), and Area 3 (-0.6). The highest rate was registered by Area 6 (10.3) while Area 7 provided the lowest (7.3). Although the statewide number of unemployed has grown when compared to February 1991, this group has actually decreased when compared with the previous month. The typical February labor market behavior mirrors January with a general gain in the number of unemployed and ultimately, the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	*Revised Jan. '92*	*Revised Feb. '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	112.9	113.3	112.4
Employment	105.3	105.3	105.9
Unemployment	7.6	8.0	6.6
Rate (%)	6.7	7.0	5.8
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	126.5	126.8	125.5
Employment	117.3	117.2	117.4
Unemployment	9.1	9.6	8.1
Rate (%)	7.2	7.6	6.5
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	68.9	68.8	68.8
Employment	64.2	64.2	64.2
Unemployment	4.7	4.6	4.6
Rate (%)	6.9	6.7	6.7
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	67.5	67.6	68.1
Employment	62.2	62.7	63.6
Unemployment	5.3	4.8	4.5
Rate (%)	7.8	7.1	6.6
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	37.4	37.7	36.8
Employment	34.2	34.3	33.7
Unemployment	3.3	3.3	3.1
Rate (%)	8.8	8.8	8.5
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.6	11.8	11.3
Employment	10.0	10.0	9.9
Unemployment	1.6	1.8	1.4
Rate (%)	13.8	15.5	12.0
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	53.7	53.8	50.0
Employment	50.9	50.9	47.6
Unemployment	2.8	2.9	2.4
Rate (%)	5.2	5.4	4.9
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	13.9	13.9	14.0
Employment	12.7	12.8	12.8
Unemployment	1.2	1.1	1.2
Rate (%)	8.6	7.9	8.8
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.0	20.4	20.2
Employment	18.0	17.9	18.1
Unemployment	2.1	2.5	2.1
Rate (%)	10.4	12.4	10.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	*Revised Jan. '92*	*Revised Feb. '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	119.6	120.8	119.0
Employment	107.4	107.4	109.5
Unemployment	12.3	13.4	9.5
Rate (%)	10.3	11.1	8.0
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	133.7	135.1	131.6
Employment	117.6	117.8	119.1
Unemployment	16.1	17.2	12.6
Rate (%)	12.1	12.8	9.5
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	73.8	73.9	73.0
Employment	65.9	66.2	66.1
Unemployment	7.9	7.7	6.9
Rate (%)	10.7	10.5	9.4
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	72.7	72.8	72.2
Employment	63.9	64.7	65.5
Unemployment	8.8	8.1	6.7
Rate (%)	12.1	11.2	9.3
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	40.1	40.6	39.4
Employment	34.8	35.0	34.8
Unemployment	5.3	5.6	4.6
Rate (%)	13.3	13.7	11.6
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.8	13.2	12.2
Employment	10.2	10.2	10.2
Unemployment	2.6	3.1	2.0
Rate (%)	20.4	23.2	16.1
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	56.4	56.7	52.8
Employment	51.9	51.9	49.2
Unemployment	4.5	4.8	3.5
Rate (%)	8.0	8.5	6.7
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.9	14.9	15.0
Employment	12.9	13.1	13.2
Unemployment	1.9	1.8	1.8
Rate (%)	13.0	12.4	11.9
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.7	22.5	21.8
Employment	18.3	18.3	18.7
Unemployment	3.4	4.2	3.0
Rate (%)	15.6	18.8	14.0

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment (jobs) remained unchanged for the month of February 1992 in the Charleston MSA. The local goods-producing sector declined slightly (-100) over the month, primarily in manufacturing (-100). The service-producing industries advanced by 100 during February 1992, with a 300 job decline in total trade being countered by an increase in services (+300). Comparison with year-ago February 1992 total nonfarm payroll data reveals a solid increase of 1,100 jobs. The yearly advance occurred totally in the service-producing sector (+1,200) as total services increased by 1,600 jobs. Total government advanced by 200, while trade (-300), finance, insurance and real estate (-200) and transportation and public utilities (-100) each declined over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Resident-based total unemployment decreased by 400 persons during February 1992. The corresponding MSA monthly unemployment rate declined to 6.7 percent of the civilian labor force. However, total unemployment advanced sharply (+1,000) over the year, with the unemployment rate increasing from 5.8 percent to the current level of 6.7 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	*Revised Jan. '92*	*Revised Feb. '91*
Labor Force	112.9	113.3	112.4
Employment	105.3	105.3	105.9
Unemployment	7.6	8.0	6.6
Rate (%)	6.7	7.0	5.8

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	*Revised Jan. '92*	*Revised Feb. '91*
Labor Force	119.6	120.8	119.0
Employment	107.4	107.4	109.5
Unemployment	12.3	13.4	9.5
Rate (%)	10.3	11.1	8.0

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Feb.'92	*Revised Jan.'92*	*Revised Feb.'91*	*Jan. 1992*	*Feb. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	110.4	110.4	109.3	0.0	1.1
PRIVATE SECTOR	90.6	90.8	89.7	-0.2	0.9
GOODS-PRODUCING	16.8	16.9	16.9	-0.1	-0.1
Mining	2.2	2.2	2.4	0.0	-0.2
Construction	4.1	4.1	4.0	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	10.5	10.6	10.5	-0.1	0.0
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.7	8.8	8.8	-0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.3	7.4	7.3	-0.1	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	-0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	93.6	93.5	92.4	0.1	1.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.6	8.6	8.7	0.0	-0.1
Trade	27.5	27.8	27.8	-0.3	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	7.1	7.1	7.2	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	20.4	20.7	20.6	-0.3	-0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.4	6.5	6.6	-0.1	-0.2
Services	31.3	31.0	29.7	0.3	1.6
Health Services	11.7	11.6	11.2	0.1	0.5
Government	19.8	19.6	19.6	0.2	0.2
Federal	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	0.2
State	9.2	9.1	9.1	0.1	0.1
Local	8.5	8.4	8.6	0.1	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	-0.3

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			**Average Weekly Hours**			**Average Hourly Earnings**		
	Feb.'92	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*	*Feb.'92*	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*	*Feb.'92*	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*
Manufacturing	$613.47	$604.56	$588.32	42.9	42.1	43.1	$14.30	$14.36	$13.65
Nondurable Goods	646.67	629.69	626.45	42.6	41.4	43.9	15.18	15.21	14.27
Chemicals & Allied Products	745.47	728.60	710.24	45.4	44.4	46.0	16.42	16.41	15.44

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment during February 1992 in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA increased by 200 jobs. The goods-producing industries declined by 100 from January, while the service-producing industries advanced by 300. Construction was the only industry to decline in the goods-producing sector (-100), as the other goods-producing industries remained unchanged from January. The decline in construction in February is a seasonal fluctuation. In the service-producing sector, government advanced by 500 (reflecting the return of the student workers at Marshall University) with another increase of 200 on the local level. Services advanced by 300 over the month. Transportation and public utilities decreased (-100), while trade (-300) and finance, insurance and real estate declined (-100).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Unemployment decreased by 500 during February in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA. The February level of 9,100 represents an increase of 1,000 from February 1991. The unemployment rate for February 1992 (7.2 percent) shows a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from January 1992 and an increase of 0.7 of one percent from February 1991.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	*Revised Jan. '92*	*Revised Feb. '91*
Labor Force	126.5	126.8	125.5
Employment	117.3	117.2	117.4
Unemployment	9.1	9.6	8.1
Rate (%)	7.2	7.6	6.5

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	*Revised Jan. '92*	*Revised Feb. '91*
Labor Force	133.7	135.1	131.6
Employment	117.6	117.8	119.1
Unemployment	16.1	17.2	12.6
Rate (%)	12.1	12.8	9.5

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Feb.'92	*Revised Jan.'92*	*Revised Feb.'91*	*Jan. 1992*	*Feb. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	109.7	109.5	108.8	0.2	0.9
PRIVATE SECTOR	89.8	90.1	89.0	-0.3	0.8
GOODS-PRODUCING	25.3	25.4	25.4	-0.1	-0.1
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.1
Construction	4.1	4.2	4.1	-0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	19.6	19.6	19.8	0.0	-0.2
Durable Goods	11.2	11.2	11.6	0.0	-0.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.2	7.2	7.4	0.0	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.6	2.6	2.8	0.0	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.2	0.0	0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.4	4.4	4.2	0.0	0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	84.4	84.1	83.4	0.3	1.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.1	7.2	8.0	-0.1	-0.9
Trade	27.3	27.6	26.9	-0.3	0.4
Wholesale Trade	5.3	5.3	5.4	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	22.0	22.3	21.5	-0.3	0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.8	3.9	3.8	-0.1	0.0
Services	26.3	26.0	24.9	0.3	1.4
Health Services	11.1	11.0	10.4	0.1	0.7
Government	19.9	19.4	19.8	0.5	0.1
Federal	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
State	5.1	4.8	5.0	0.3	0.1
Local	11.8	11.6	11.9	0.2	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			**Average Weekly Hours**			**Average Hourly Earnings**		
	Feb.'92	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*	*Feb.'92*	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*	*Feb.'92*	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*
Manufacturing	$559.31	$556.22	$520.08	41.4	40.6	39.4	$13.51	$13.70	$13.20
Durable Goods	582.39	576.64	532.74	41.1	40.1	39.0	14.17	14.38	13.66
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	553.52	565.46	536.92	44.0	44.7	43.3	12.58	12.65	12.40
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	648.15	640.76	560.92	41.1	39.7	37.0	15.77	16.14	15.16
Nondurable Goods	527.94	527.85	498.75	42.0	41.4	39.9	12.57	12.75	12.50

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment lost 100 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA during February 1992. Goods-producing businesses accounted for this reduction with construction employment declining moderately (-100). Service-producing jobs were unchanged for the month. Compared to February 1991, total nonfarm payroll employment gained 600. Goods-producing jobs in the year ago comparison however, did not fare as well, losing 600. Losses were recorded in construction (-200) and manufacturing (-400). The service-producing sector registered a significant gain of 1,200 jobs over February 1991. Increases in transportation and public utilities (+100), trade (+400), services (+600), and government (+200) overshadowed a modest retreat in finance, insurance, and real estate (-100)

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment grew by 100 during February 1992 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. The unemployment rate increased as a result from 6.7 to 6.9 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to February 1991 total unemployment is up 100 as well and the unemployment rate is up from 6.7 to 6.9 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	*Revised Jan. '92*	*Revised Feb. '91*
Labor Force	68.9	68.8	68.8
Employment	64.2	64.2	64.2
Unemployment	4.7	4.6	4.6
Rate (%)	6.9	6.7	6.7

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	*Revised Jan. '92*	*Revised Feb. '91*
Labor Force	73.8	73.9	73.0
Employment	65.9	66.2	66.1
Unemployment	7.9	7.7	6.9
Rate (%)	10.7	10.5	9.4

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Feb.'92	*Revised Jan.'92*	*Revised Feb.'91*	*Change From: Jan. 1992*	*Feb. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	60.8	60.9	60.2	-0.1	0.6
PRIVATE SECTOR	50.7	50.9	50.3	-0.2	0.4
GOODS-PRODUCING	16.3	16.4	16.9	-0.1	-0.6
Mining	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.3	2.4	2.5	-0.1	-0.2
Manufacturing	13.6	13.6	14.0	0.0	-0.4
Durable Goods	6.7	6.7	6.8	0.0	-0.1
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.0	-0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.7	1.7	-0.1	-0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	1.4	1.3	1.3	0.1	0.1
Nondurable Goods	6.9	6.9	7.2	0.0	-0.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.2	5.2	5.4	0.0	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	44.5	44.5	43.3	0.0	1.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.0	0.1
Trade	14.6	14.6	14.2	0.0	0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	11.7	11.7	11.4	0.0	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.3	2.3	-0.1	-0.1
Services	15.0	15.0	14.4	0.0	0.6
Health Services	4.8	4.7	4.6	0.1	0.2
Government	10.1	10.0	9.9	0.1	0.2
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
State	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Local	7.1	7.0	7.0	0.1	0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			**Average Weekly Hours**			**Average Hourly Earnings**		
	Feb.'92	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*	*Feb.'92*	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*	*Feb.'92*	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*
Manufacturing	$577.51	$597.82	$561.41	40.9	41.4	40.8	$14.12	$14.44	$13.76
Durable Goods	472.15	500.91	477.60	38.2	38.8	38.3	12.36	12.91	12.47
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	586.49	593.83	570.70	44.6	43.0	42.4	13.15	13.81	13.46
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	458.58	489.65	472.55	33.4	35.1	36.1	13.73	13.95	13.09
Nondurable Goods	711.29	719.22	657.05	44.4	44.7	43.6	16.02	16.09	15.07

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment fell by 500 during February 1992 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area. The majority of this monthly decline occurred in the local goods-producing sector (-400) particularly in mining (-200). Construction (-100) and manufacturing (-100) also experienced decreases. The local service-producing sector declined by 100 as trade (-200) and government (-100) showed declines while service increased by 200. Transportation and public utilities as well as finance insurance and real estate remained stable in February with no change. Comparison with year-ago February 1991 figures indicates a decline of 700 jobs in nonfarm payroll. In the goods-producing industries manufacturing fell by 300, while construction dropped by 200. Mining remained stable over the year. The service-producing sector declined by 200 jobs during the year. Trade (-400) and government (-400) had significant losses which were offset in part by increases in services (+400), TPU (+100), and FIRE (+100). No labor-management disputes were recorded for February 1992.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Resident-based total unemployment increased by 500 during February 1992 in the MSA, with the corresponding unemployment rate increasing to 7.8 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data indicates an increase of 800 unemployed over the year with the unemployment rate advancing from 6.6 percent to the current 7.8 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	*Revised Jan. '92*	*Revised Feb. '91*
Labor Force	67.5	67.6	68.1
Employment	62.2	62.7	63.6
Unemployment	5.3	4.8	4.5
Rate (%)	7.8	7.1	6.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	*Revised Jan. '92*	*Revised Feb. '91*
Labor Force	72.7	72.8	72.2
Employment	63.9	64.7	65.5
Unemployment	8.8	8.1	6.7
Rate (%)	12.1	11.2	9.3

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Feb.'92	*Revised Jan.'92*	*Revised Feb.'91*	*Jan. 1992*	*Dec. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	58.3	58.8	59.0	-0.5	-0.7
PRIVATE SECTOR	49.3	49.7	49.6	-0.4	-0.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	10.2	10.6	10.7	-0.4	-0.5
Mining	2.0	2.2	2.0	-0.2	0.0
Construction	1.3	1.4	1.5	-0.1	-0.2
Manufacturing	6.9	7.0	7.2	-0.1	-0.3
Durable Goods	2.7	2.8	2.8	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.2	4.2	4.4	0.0	-0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	48.1	48.2	48.3	-0.1	-0.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.1
Trade	14.8	15.0	15.2	-0.2	-0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	12.1	12.3	12.5	-0.2	-0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
Services	17.8	17.6	17.4	0.2	0.4
Health Services	7.9	7.9	7.8	0.0	0.1
Government	9.0	9.1	9.4	-0.1	-0.4
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.8	1.8	1.9	0.0	-0.1
Local	6.5	6.6	6.8	-0.1	-0.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			**Average Weekly Hours**			**Average Hourly Earnings**		
	Feb.'92	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*	*Feb.'92*	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*	*Feb.'92*	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*
Manufacturing	$539.77	$523.34	$541.14	38.5	38.2	39.1	$14.02	$13.70	$13.84
Nondurable Goods	599.05	579.27	611.05	41.2	41.2	40.9	14.54	14.06	14.94
Durable Goods	467.81	458.04	449.21	35.2	34.7	36.7	13.29	13.20	12.24

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	*Applicants Available Program Year to Date*	*NONFARM JOB OPENINGS*					*Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date*	*Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month*
		Active File	*Received Program Year to Date*	*Total*	*UNFILLED 30 Days or More*	*FILLED Total*		
TOTAL	158,477	73,965	25,894	2,146	1,243	19,275	6.1	34.5
Professional, Technical & Managerial	16,479	7,615	940	174	106	379	17.5	43.8
Clerical & Sales	41,778	16,852	5,851	646	292	3,780	7.1	26.1
Services	19,252	8,040	4,668	308	97	3,268	4.1	26.1
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,531	832	105	48	34	35	14.6	17.3
Processing	8,439	4,290	625	116	101	552	13.5	37.0
Machine Trades	10,983	5,685	866	113	55	526	12.7	50.3
Benchwork	6,563	3,353	543	80	56	337	12.1	41.9
Structural Work	27,609	15,171	1,523	199	128	904	18.1	76.2
Miscellaneous	32,431	13,924	10,773	462	374	9,494	3.0	30.1
Transportation	7,310	3,723	821	97	46	478	8.9	38.4
Packaging & Materials Handling	18,356	6,224	9,423	245	227	8,710	1.9	25.4
Other	6,765	3,977	529	720	101	306	12.8	5.5
Entry Total	20	1	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

	Feb. 1992	*Jan. 1992*	*Feb. 1991*	*Percent Change: Jan. 1992*	*Percent Change: Feb. 1991*
Initial Claims	9,228	17,278	9,306	-46.6	-0.8
Weeks Claimed	115,669	129,019	118,134	-10.3	-2.1
Benefits Paid	$14,871,385	$15,560,~~107~~	$14,854,526	-4.4	0.1
Weeks Compensated	98,166	103,097	99,854	-4.8	-1.7
Average Weekly Payment	$151.49	$150.93	$148.76	0.4	1.8
Trust Fund Balance, End of Month	$135,233,969	$140,047,419	$126,907,055	-3.4	6.6

Workers' Compensation

Select Workers' Compensation Claims Activities

	Feb. 1992	Jan. 1992	Feb. 1991	Percent Change: Jan. 1992	Percent Change: Feb. 1991
Temporary Disability Benefits Paid	5,962,088	6,358,917	5,302,015	-6.2	12.4
Medical Benefits Paid	6,965,640	5,802,962	8,210,690	20.0	-15.2
Permanent Partial Disability Benefits Paid	4,568,633	3,214,682	3,860,978	42.1	18.3
Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	8,401,610	9,076,354	5,864,405	-7.4	43.3
Benefits to Dependents of Fatalities	1,917,426	1,565,388	1,476,461	22.5	29.9
Funeral Benefits Paid	37,667	3,500	7,000	976.2	438.1
Miscellaneous Benefits Paid*	126,345	222,450	87,837	-43.2	43.8
DWRF** Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	602,131	677,253	602,252	-11.1	0.0
DWRF** Benefits Paid to Dependents of Fatalities	987,090	978,949	978,021	0.8	0.9
Sum of All Benefits Paid	29,568,631	27,900,455	26,389,658	6.0	12.0

** Includes returned benefit checks, attorney fees and specified dependent benefits.*

*** Disabled Workers' Relief Fund provides benefits to meet the weekly minimum benefit payable for worker's injured prior to July 1, 1971.*

Select Job Training Partnership Act Characteristics

Performance Standard Report
July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991

Job Training Program	**Standard**	**Actual**
Entered Employment Rate - Adults	68	68
Average Wage at Placements Adults	4.95	4.81
Cost Per Entered Employment Adults	4,500	2,284
Entered Employment Rate - Welfare Recipients	56	58
Entered Employment Rate - Youth (Out of School Programs)	45	53
Positive Termination Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	75	85
Cost Per Positive Termination - Youth	4,900	2,101
Employability Enhancement Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	33	52

Characteristics	**Enrolled**	**Positive Outlook***
Adult	8,582	6,951
Female	5,406	4,379
Male	3,176	2,572
Youth	7,326	5,495
Female	3,882	2,912
Male	3,444	2,583
School Dropout	**	2,341
High School Graduate /Equivalent or above	**	6,355
Single Parent	**	2,777
Black	**	904
Hispanic	**	35
Handicapped	**	1,059
Unemployed	**	6,648
Welfare	**	2,841
Veterans	**	772

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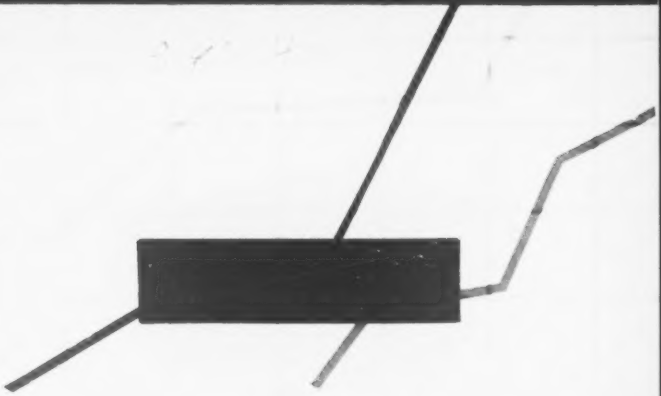

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Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force in West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	*Prelim. Mar. '92*	*Revised Feb. '92*	*Revised Mar. '91*	*Change from: Feb. 1992*	*Change from: Mar. 1991*
Civilian Labor Force	735.2	729.6	727.0	5.6	8.2
Total Employment	670.4	665.2	668.3	5.2	2.1
Total Unemployment	64.8	64.4	58.7	0.4	6.1
Unemployment Rate	8.8	8.8	8.1	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*					
Civilian Labor Force	781.0	782.5	770.3	-1.5	10.7
Total Employment	680.3	677.9	687.0	2.4	-6.7
Total Unemployment	100.8	104.6	83.4	-3.8	17.4
Unemployment Rate	12.9	13.4	10.8	xx	xx

Employment: Total statewide resident-based employment increased by 5,200, to a level of 670,400 persons during March 1992. Comparison with year-ago March 1991 employment data indicates an increase of 2,100 employed.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased by 4,000 statewide during March. Seasonal job gains in state education (+1,600), educational services (+700), retail trade (+700), construction (+700) and agricultural services (+300) were primarily responsible for the monthly advance. Total goods-producing sector employment registered only a slight increase (+100) over the month, as the seasonal advance in contract construction (+700) was offset by job declines in manufacturing (-400) and mining (-200).

In the service-producing sector, jobs increased by 3,900 overall. The large seasonal advance in state government (+1,800) contributed to approximately half of the monthly increase in the service-producing sector, as student workers returned to state colleges and universities for the Spring semester. Services (+1,000) and trade (+800) also recorded seasonal gains during March 1992. Transportation and public utilities increased only slightly (+100) while finance, insurance and real estate remained unchanged.

Unemployment: The total number of statewide unemployed increased by 400 persons during the month, leaving the unemployment rate unchanged at 8.8 percent. The current level of 64,800 is 6,100 higher than March 1991, when the rate was 8.1 percent. Much of the increase in unemployment results from the effects of the national recession.

West Virginia Economic Indicators

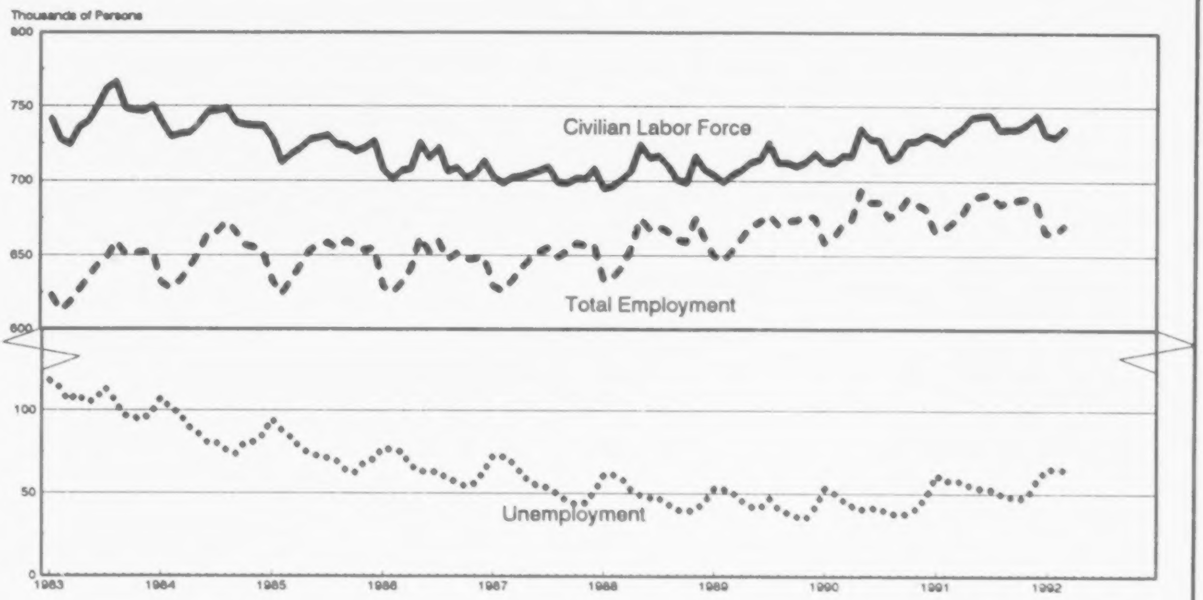
	Mar. 1992	*Feb. 1992*	*Mar. 1991*
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.6	40.6	40.4
Seasonally Adjusted	40.7	39.8	40.5
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,515	2,529	2,545
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$484.36	$486.79	$463.79
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	43.0	45.2	43.9
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$783.46	$823.54	$804.25
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	14,585	13,358	14,281
Seasonally Adjusted	14,148	14,565	13,853
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,168	1,152	1,103
Seasonally Adjusted	1,071	1,166	1,025
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	4,526	5,003	5,874
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,242	1,296	1,139
Seasonally Adjusted	1,360	1,204	1,248
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,841	2,307	1,777
Seasonally Adjusted	2,058	2,024	1,986
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	4.9	4.8	5.4
Seasonally Adjusted	3.8	3.3	4.2
Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted			
WV Series	7.7	7.3	7.1
BLS Series	12.6	12.5	10.5

Selected National Data

	Mar. 1992	*Feb. 1992*	*Mar. 1991*
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	7.7	8.1	7.1
Seasonally Adjusted	7.3	7.3	6.7
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	139.3	138.6	135.0
1967 Base	417.2	415.2	404.3
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods Unadjusted, 1982 Base	122.0	121.9	120.9
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	416.8	470.6	471.0
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	3.7	3.8	4.0
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.1	3.3
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	$362.21	$360.13	$348.16
Average Weekly Hours	34.3	34.2	34.0
Average Hourly Earnings	$10.56	$10.53	$10.24

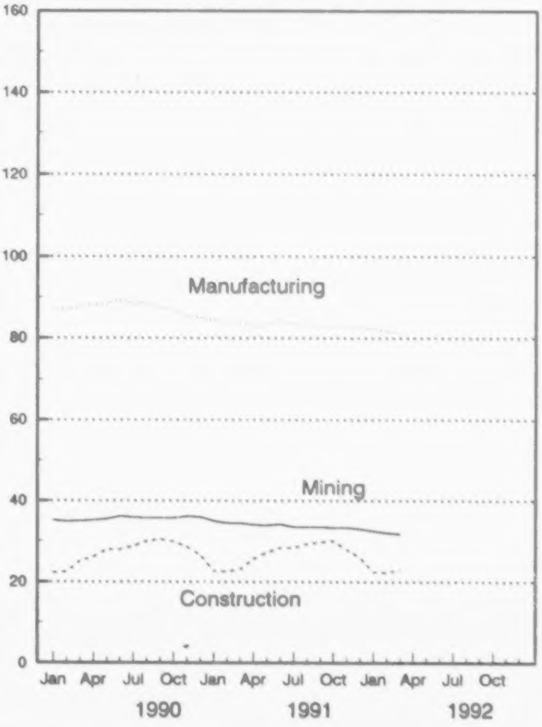
Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Total Employment, Unemployment and Civilian Labor Force



Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Service Producing Employment

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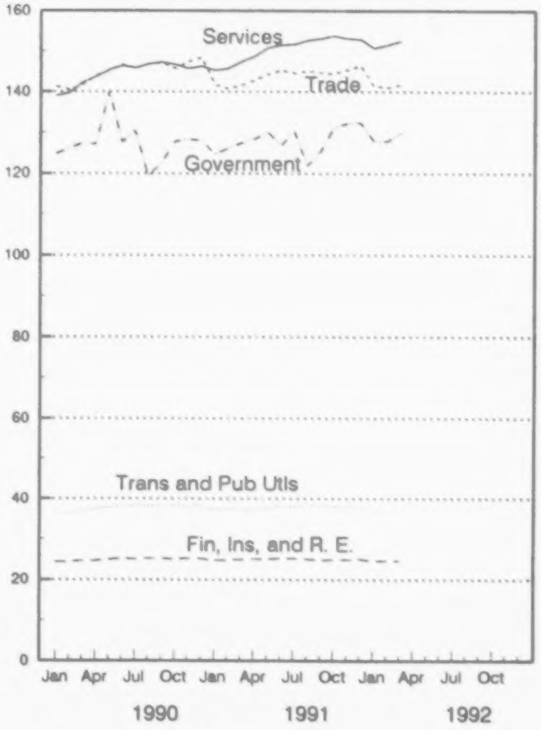


Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar.'92	*Revised Feb.'92*	*Revised Mar.'91*	*Change From: Feb. 1992*	*Mar. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	622.1	618.1	620.1	4.0	2.0
PRIVATE SECTOR	492.3	490.3	492.8	2.0	-0.5
GOODS-PRODUCING	136.0	135.9	141.5	0.1	-5.5
Mining	31.8	32.0	34.4	-0.2	-2.6
Coal Mining	26.8	26.9	29.1	-0.1	-2.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.0	4.2	4.4	-0.2	-0.4
Other Mining	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.1
Construction	22.9	22.2	23.1	0.7	-0.2
General Building Contractors	6.0	5.8	6.0	0.2	0.0
Heavy Construction	5.9	5.7	6.4	0.2	-0.5
Special Trade Contractors	11.0	10.7	10.7	0.3	0.3
Manufacturing	81.3	81.7	84.0	-0.4	-2.7
Durable Goods	44.7	44.8	46.7	-0.1	-2.0
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.8	7.7	7.4	0.1	0.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.9	7.0	7.3	-0.1	-0.4
Primary Metals Industries	12.9	13.1	13.8	-0.2	-0.9
Fabricated Metal Products	5.5	5.5	5.4	0.0	0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.8	4.8	5.9	0.0	-1.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.5	2.6	2.5	-0.1	0.0
Transportation Equipment	2.0	1.8	2.1	0.2	-0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	36.6	36.9	37.3	-0.3	-0.7
Food & Kindred Products	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.9	4.0	4.1	-0.1	-0.2
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.1	0.0
Printing & Publishing	5.1	5.1	5.2	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	16.7	16.9	17.4	-0.2	-0.7
Other Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.9	4.6	-0.1	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	486.1	482.2	478.6	3.9	7.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.2	37.1	37.3	0.1	-0.1
Railroad Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.8	0.0	-0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	9.7	9.7	9.8	0.0	-0.1
Other Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.3	0.0	0.2
Communications	8.2	8.1	8.1	0.1	0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.2	12.2	12.3	0.0	-0.1
Trade	141.8	141.0	141.6	0.8	0.2
Wholesale Trade	29.8	29.7	30.2	0.1	-0.4
Retail Trade	112.0	111.3	111.4	0.7	0.6
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	4.6	4.5	4.5	0.1	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	16.4	16.2	15.3	0.2	1.1
Food Stores	22.0	22.1	22.0	.1	0.0
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.3	14.3	14.1	0.0	0.2
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.6	4.6	5.8	0.0	-1.2
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	33.8	33.2	33.7	0.6	0.1
Miscellaneous Retail	12.1	12.2	11.8	-0.1	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.7	24.7	24.9	0.0	-0.2
Finance	13.9	14.0	14.0	-0.1	-0.1
Insurance	6.8	6.7	7.0	0.1	-0.2
Real Estate	4.0	4.0	3.9	0.0	0.1
Services	152.6	151.6	147.5	1.0	5.1
Agricultural Services	2.3	2.0	2.1	0.3	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	7.9	8.1	7.8	-0.2	0.1
Personal Services	6.6	6.5	6.7	0.1	-0.1
Business Services	14.0	14.0	13.9	0.0	0.1
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.7	5.7	5.6	0.0	0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	4.9	4.8	4.9	0.1	0.0
Health Services	59.1	59.1	56.5	0.0	2.6
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.8	10.9	10.4	-0.1	0.4
Hospitals	29.6	29.6	28.3	0.0	1.3
Other Health Services	18.7	18.6	17.8	0.1	0.9
Legal Services	4.2	4.2	4.0	0.0	0.2
Educational Services	6.6	5.9	6.0	0.7	0.6
Social Services	12.9	12.9	12.0	0.0	0.9
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.6	19.6	0.0	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	7.9	7.9	7.5	0.0	0.4
Government	129.8	127.8	127.3	2.0	2.5
Federal	17.0	16.9	16.3	0.1	0.7
Hospitals	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.0	0.2
U S Postal Service	5.1	5.1	4.9	0.0	0.2
Other Federal	8.7	8.6	8.4	0.1	0.3
State	41.5	39.7	40.1	1.8	1.4
Hospitals	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1
Education	19.6	18.0	19.1	1.6	0.5
Other State	19.4	19.2	18.6	0.2	0.8
Local	71.3	71.2	70.9	0.1	0.4
Hospitals	5.0	5.0	4.9	0.0	0.1
Education	45.5	45.4	45.9	0.1	-0.4
Other Local	20.8	20.8	20.1	0.0	0.7
Labor-Management Dispute Status	1.8	1.8	1.9	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar.'92	*Revised Feb.'92*	*Revised Mar.'91*	*Change From:*	
				Feb. 1992	*Mar. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	282.3	282.4	276.1	-0.1	6.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	213.5	214.2	208.6	-0.7	4.9
GOODS-PRODUCING	22.9	23.4	23.9	-0.5	-1.0
Mining	1.9	2.0	2.0	-0.1	-0.1
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.7	0.8	0.8	-0.1	-0.1
Construction	2.2	2.0	2.1	0.2	0.1
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	18.8	19.4	19.8	-0.6	-1.0
Durable Goods	6.9	7.4	7.6	-0.5	-0.7
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.7	0.8	0.8	-0.1	-0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.0	2.1	2.2	-0.1	-0.2
Primary Metals Industries	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.5	0.6	0.8	-0.1	-0.3
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.8	0.9	0.8	-0.1	0.0
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.4	0.3	-0.1	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	11.9	12.0	12.2	-0.1	-0.3
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.4	3.4	3.5	0.0	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	2.8	2.9	3.0	-0.1	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	259.4	259.0	252.2	0.4	7.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.2	8.2	7.9	0.0	0.3
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Communications	3.9	3.8	3.6	0.1	0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Trade	67.1	67.6	65.5	-0.5	1.6
Wholesale Trade	6.2	6.2	5.7	0.0	0.5
Retail Trade	60.9	61.4	59.8	-0.5	1.1
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.6	11.5	10.3	0.1	1.3
Food Stores	11.6	11.7	11.4	-0.1	0.2
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.6	3.6	3.4	0.0	0.2
Apparel & Accessory Stores	3.9	3.9	4.8	0.0	-0.9
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.4	1.5	1.5	-0.1	-0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	19.8	20.1	19.4	-0.3	0.4
Miscellaneous Retail	8.1	8.2	8.2	-0.1	-0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.5	15.6	15.5	-0.1	0.0
Finance	10.9	11.0	10.9	-0.1	0.0
Insurance	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
Real Estate	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	-0.1
Services	99.8	99.4	95.8	0.4	4.0
Agricultural Services	0.9	1.0	0.8	-0.1	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Personal Services	4.4	4.2	4.3	0.2	0.1
Business Services	7.2	7.3	6.8	-0.1	0.4
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
Health Services	48.5	48.6	46.6	-0.1	1.9
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.8	9.8	9.3	0.0	0.5
Hospitals	24.3	24.4	23.4	-0.1	0.9
Other Health Services	14.4	14.4	13.9	0.0	0.5
Legal Services	3.4	3.4	3.2	0.0	0.2
Educational Services	3.5	2.9	3.4	0.6	0.1
Social Services	9.3	9.3	8.8	0.0	0.5
Membership Organizations	11.6	11.8	11.4	-0.2	0.2
Engineering & Management Services	2.9	2.8	2.6	0.1	0.3
Government	68.8	68.2	67.5	0.6	1.3
Federal	7.3	7.3	7.1	0.0	0.2
Hospitals	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0
State	20.4	19.7	19.6	0.7	0.8
Hospitals	1.7	1.8	1.7	-0.1	0.0
Education	10.7	10.0	10.0	0.7	0.7
Other State	8.0	7.9	7.9	0.1	0.1
Local	41.1	41.2	40.8	-0.1	0.3
Hospitals	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Education	29.6	29.6	29.8	0.0	-0.2
Other Local	7.3	7.4	6.9	-0.1	0.4

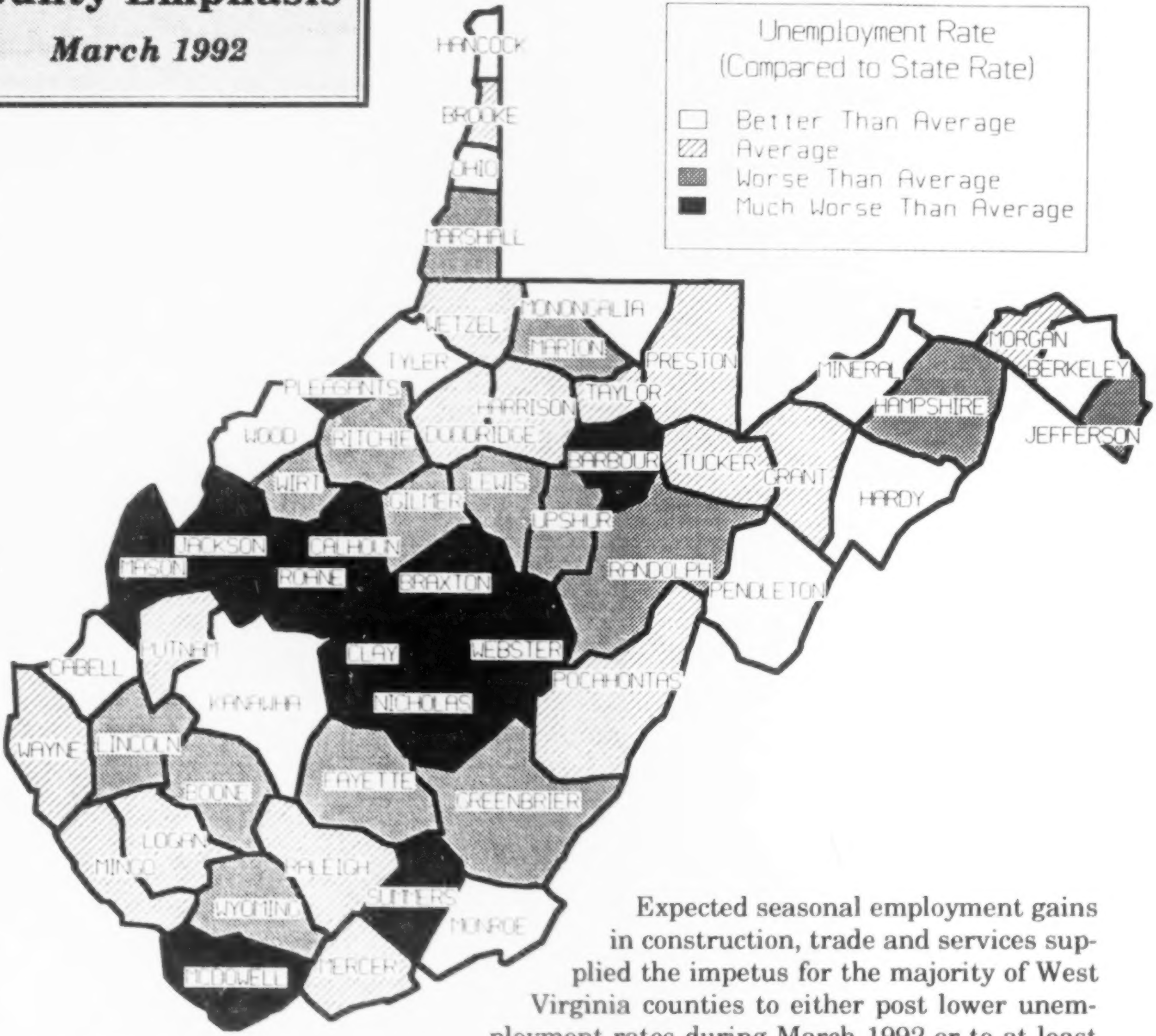
Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar.'92	*Feb.'92*	*Mar.'91*	*Mar.'92*	*Feb.'92*	*Mar.'91*	*Mar.'92*	*Feb.'92*	*Mar.'91*
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	$355.87	$362.71	$351.73	35.2	35.7	35.6	$10.11	$10.16	$9.88
Mining	740.88	776.70	756.88	42.9	45.0	43.7	17.27	17.26	17.32
Coal Mining	783.46	823.54	804.25	43.0	45.2	43.9	18.22	18.22	18.32
Oil & Gas Extraction	486.03	515.81	448.59	42.3	44.2	42.2	11.49	11.67	10.63
Other Mining	449.20	452.12	478.07	42.7	43.1	43.9	10.52	10.49	10.89
Construction	491.30	524.54	516.87	34.0	36.3	37.4	14.45	14.45	13.82
Manufacturing	484.36	486.79	463.79	40.6	40.6	40.4	11.93	11.99	11.48
Durable Goods	491.52	497.63	469.34	41.2	41.4	40.6	11.93	12.02	11.56
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	311.85	312.48	287.28	40.5	40.9	39.9	7.70	7.64	7.20
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	421.50	467.02	435.05	37.5	40.4	38.5	11.24	11.56	11.30
Primary Metals Industries	661.41	658.76	616.50	43.6	43.0	42.4	15.17	15.32	14.54
Fabricated Metal Products	459.61	450.41	419.33	41.0	39.2	38.4	11.21	11.49	10.92
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	504.64	520.94	468.69	41.5	42.7	40.3	12.16	12.20	11.63
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	609.27	582.99	559.01	45.4	43.9	43.2	13.42	13.28	12.94
Transportation Equipment	514.94	499.05	525.56	43.2	42.8	45.9	11.92	11.66	11.45
Nondurable Goods	473.62	470.83	455.20	39.7	39.4	40.0	11.93	11.95	11.38
Food & Kindred Products	371.33	365.38	357.75	38.6	38.1	37.5	9.62	9.59	9.54
Textile Mill Products	265.18	261.32	246.83	38.1	38.6	37.8	6.96	6.77	6.53
Apparel & Other Textile Products	216.38	217.70	208.36	37.5	37.6	35.8	5.77	5.79	5.82
Paper & Allied Products	353.43	386.57	294.11	40.3	43.0	40.4	8.77	8.99	7.28
Printing & Publishing	311.23	304.65	332.84	32.9	31.9	36.1	9.46	9.55	9.22
Chemicals & Allied Products	745.27	745.13	688.16	44.6	44.3	44.0	16.71	16.82	15.64
Transportation & Public Utilities	500.49	501.84	506.35	40.2	41.0	41.2	12.45	12.24	12.29
Trucking & Warehousing	394.90	406.85	418.77	42.1	43.7	42.3	9.38	9.31	9.90
Communications	509.70	496.55	531.60	36.2	36.7	40.0	14.08	13.53	13.29
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	652.41	652.97	623.92	42.2	42.1	42.1	15.46	15.51	14.82
Trade	237.88	238.77	228.49	31.3	31.5	31.3	7.60	7.58	7.30
Wholesale Trade	462.35	467.98	433.88	40.1	40.8	40.1	11.53	11.47	10.82
Retail Trade	181.58	181.33	175.45	29.1	29.2	29.0	6.24	6.21	6.05
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	258.55	257.76	253.49	37.8	38.3	39.3	6.84	6.73	6.45
General Merchandise Stores	190.28	184.76	185.46	29.5	28.6	28.1	6.45	6.46	6.60
Food Stores	183.54	184.21	175.42	27.6	27.7	27.8	6.65	6.65	6.31
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	266.74	266.06	271.18	35.9	36.1	36.4	7.43	7.37	7.45
Apparel & Accessory Stores	152.90	133.89	137.19	27.5	26.1	26.9	5.56	5.13	5.10
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	290.47	291.07	280.84	36.4	37.9	34.8	7.98	7.68	8.07
Eating & Drinking Places	124.90	125.18	116.99	25.7	25.6	25.6	4.86	4.89	4.57
Miscellaneous Retail	186.18	191.27	182.09	29.0	30.8	29.9	6.42	6.21	6.09
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	316.57	318.65	308.67	37.2	37.4	36.4	8.51	8.52	8.48
Finance	268.58	270.10	252.41	37.2	37.0	35.5	7.22	7.30	7.11
Insurance	454.96	446.22	449.26	38.2	38.5	38.3	11.91	11.59	11.73
Real Estate	285.33	305.25	309.32	35.8	37.0	37.0	7.97	8.25	8.36
Services	288.47	292.40	275.40	33.7	34.0	34.0	8.56	8.60	8.10
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	236.02	228.96	247.05	29.8	28.8	30.5	7.92	7.95	8.10
Personal Services	220.29	229.44	206.70	32.3	33.3	33.5	6.82	6.89	6.17
Business Services	229.72	235.11	234.50	32.4	32.7	33.5	7.09	7.19	7.00
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	328.49	354.09	335.29	38.6	40.7	39.4	8.51	8.70	8.51
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	171.25	160.25	159.80	26.8	25.0	26.5	6.39	6.41	6.03
Health Services	333.78	334.06	310.00	36.8	37.2	36.6	9.07	8.98	8.47
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	195.64	196.65	189.54	33.5	33.5	34.4	5.84	5.87	5.51
Hospitals	397.95	399.60	369.08	38.9	39.1	37.7	10.23	10.22	9.79
Other Health Services	306.94	305.05	282.60	35.2	36.1	36.0	8.72	8.45	7.85
Legal Services	421.09	433.94	389.30	37.8	38.3	36.9	11.14	11.33	10.55
Social Services	203.07	202.34	183.91	30.4	30.2	30.6	6.68	6.70	6.01
Engineering & Management Services	475.60	510.06	409.19	39.6	41.2	38.1	12.01	12.38	10.74

The above figures represent the hours and earnings of more than 400,000 private sector production and nonsupervisory workers in West Virginia. Comparable totals for the United States appear at the bottom of page 3. Additional industry detail for the United States and for other states is available upon request.

County Emphasis

March 1992


Unemployment Rate
(Compared to State Rate)
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RITCHIE
DODDRIDGE
BARBOUR
TUCKER
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GILMER
LEWIS
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WAYNE
LINCOLN
BOONE
FAYETTE
GREENBRIER
LOGAN
MINGO
RALEIGH
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MINERAL
GRANT
HARDY
HAMPSHIRE
MORGAN
BERKELEY
JEFFERSON

Expected seasonal employment gains in construction, trade and services supplied the impetus for the majority of West Virginia counties to either post lower unemployment rates during March 1992 or to at least maintain their previous rate. Moderate gains in retail sales and an increase in housing permits have provided positive indications for the state and county economies and are perhaps the early signs of state and national recovery. A number of counties continue to post unemployment rates considered much worse than average, however. Included in this group are Calhoun (19.0), Roane (17.5), Barbour (17.3), Braxton (16.5), Clay (16.4), Nicholas (14.3), Webster (14.0), Mason (13.3), Summers (13.2), Jackson (13.0), Pleasants (13.0), and McDowell (12.9).

The employment picture compared to a year ago is also a positive reflection with the number of jobs on the rise. Several counties have been able to throw off the effects of a weak national economy and register unemployment rates considered better than average. Counties within this group include Berkeley (7.7), Wood (7.6), Hancock (7.5), Cabell (7.4), Monroe (7.3), Tyler (7.1), Mineral (6.6), Kanawha (6.4), Ohio (5.9), Hardy (5.6), Pendleton (5.0), and Monongalia (4.2).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

March 1992

(Revised February 1992 in parentheses)

These Labor Force Statistics Were Designed To Be Used For Economic Analysis

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,320	(4,360)	3,570	(3,600)	750	(760)	17.3	(17.5)
Berkeley	29,890	(29,910)	27,590	(27,470)	2,290	(2,440)	7.7	(8.1)
Boone	8,410	(8,410)	7,500	(7,520)	910	(890)	10.8	(10.6)
Braxton	5,200	(5,150)	4,340	(4,280)	860	(870)	16.5	(16.9)
Brooke	9,740	(9,400)	8,880	(8,710)	860	(690)	8.8	(7.3)
Cabell	43,100	(42,880)	39,910	(39,600)	3,190	(3,280)	7.4	(7.7)
Calhoun	2,820	(2,860)	2,280	(2,290)	540	(570)	19.0	(19.9)
Clay	3,150	(3,110)	2,630	(2,650)	520	(470)	16.4	(14.9)
Doddridge	2,440	(2,370)	2,200	(2,180)	240	(190)	9.8	(7.9)
Fayette	17,170	(16,930)	15,270	(15,070)	1,900	(1,870)	11.1	(11.0)
Gilmer	2,950	(2,890)	2,650	(2,570)	290	(320)	10.0	(11.0)
Grant	4,600	(4,620)	4,190	(4,170)	410	(450)	8.9	(9.8)
Greenbrier	14,980	(15,010)	13,300	(13,290)	1,680	(1,720)	11.2	(11.5)
Hampshire	6,830	(6,830)	6,020	(6,020)	810	(810)	11.9	(11.8)
Hancock	12,850	(12,610)	11,890	(11,670)	960	(940)	7.5	(7.5)
Hardy	5,620	(5,640)	5,310	(5,290)	320	(350)	5.6	(6.2)
Harrison	29,570	(29,270)	26,950	(26,740)	2,620	(2,530)	8.9	(8.6)
Jackson	9,740	(9,420)	8,480	(8,280)	1,260	(1,150)	13.0	(12.1)
Jefferson	17,510	(17,220)	15,760	(15,440)	1,760	(1,780)	10.0	(10.3)
Kanawha	97,140	(96,070)	90,960	(90,020)	6,180	(6,050)	6.4	(6.3)
Lewis	7,290	(7,310)	6,460	(6,480)	830	(830)	11.4	(11.4)
Lincoln	7,600	(7,650)	6,660	(6,680)	940	(970)	12.4	(12.7)
Logan	12,940	(12,960)	11,690	(11,650)	1,260	(1,310)	9.7	(10.1)
McDowell	6,510	(6,560)	5,670	(5,650)	840	(910)	12.9	(13.9)
Marion	22,220	(21,920)	19,750	(19,460)	2,470	(2,470)	11.1	(11.2)
Marshall	14,430	(14,690)	12,910	(12,850)	1,520	(1,840)	10.5	(12.5)
Mason	9,240	(9,230)	8,010	(7,960)	1,230	(1,270)	13.3	(13.8)
Mercer	26,350	(25,970)	24,280	(24,020)	2,070	(1,950)	7.9	(7.5)
Mineral	10,580	(10,390)	9,870	(9,730)	700	(670)	6.6	(6.4)
Mingo	11,600	(11,450)	10,700	(10,560)	910	(880)	7.8	(7.7)
Monongalia	41,080	(40,490)	39,350	(38,720)	1,730	(1,760)	4.2	(4.4)
Monroe	5,050	(5,040)	4,690	(4,680)	370	(360)	7.3	(7.1)
Morgan	5,180	(5,140)	4,750	(4,730)	440	(410)	8.4	(7.9)
Nicholas	8,840	(8,760)	7,580	(7,540)	1,260	(1,220)	14.3	(14.0)
Ohio	23,250	(23,220)	21,880	(21,770)	1,370	(1,450)	5.9	(6.3)
Pendleton	3,870	(3,870)	3,680	(3,660)	190	(210)	5.0	(5.5)
Pleasants	2,130	(2,150)	1,850	(1,850)	280	(290)	13.0	(13.7)
Pocahontas	4,940	(5,020)	4,530	(4,650)	410	(370)	8.3	(7.4)
Preston	13,430	(13,070)	12,260	(12,060)	1,170	(1,010)	8.7	(7.7)
Putnam	16,820	(16,580)	15,260	(15,100)	1,560	(1,480)	9.3	(8.9)
Raleigh	28,100	(27,870)	25,420	(25,340)	2,680	(2,540)	9.5	(9.1)
Randolph	11,740	(11,720)	10,560	(10,520)	1,180	(1,200)	10.0	(10.3)
Ritchie	5,150	(5,180)	4,640	(4,660)	520	(520)	10.0	(10.1)
Roane	4,930	(4,990)	4,070	(4,120)	860	(870)	17.5	(17.5)
Summers	4,120	(4,150)	3,570	(3,580)	540	(570)	13.2	(13.7)
Taylor	5,830	(5,810)	5,280	(5,240)	550	(570)	9.4	(9.8)
Tucker	4,030	(4,000)	3,640	(3,670)	380	(330)	9.5	(8.1)
Tyler	4,650	(4,640)	4,320	(4,290)	330	(350)	7.1	(7.4)
Upshur	8,210	(8,110)	7,170	(7,100)	1,040	(1,010)	12.7	(12.4)
Wayne	15,850	(15,730)	14,320	(14,210)	1,530	(1,530)	9.7	(9.7)
Webster	2,890	(2,850)	2,490	(2,470)	400	(380)	14.0	(13.2)
Wetzel	9,220	(9,230)	8,450	(8,390)	770	(850)	8.4	(9.2)
Wirt	1,990	(2,010)	1,750	(1,760)	240	(250)	12.0	(12.4)
Wood	40,550	(40,380)	37,450	(37,450)	3,100	(2,940)	7.6	(7.3)
Wyoming	6,570	(6,510)	5,830	(5,780)	740	(730)	11.2	(11.2)
Statewide	735,200	(729,600)	670,400	(665,200)	64,800	(64,400)	8.8	(8.8)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

March 1992

(Revised February 1992 in parentheses)

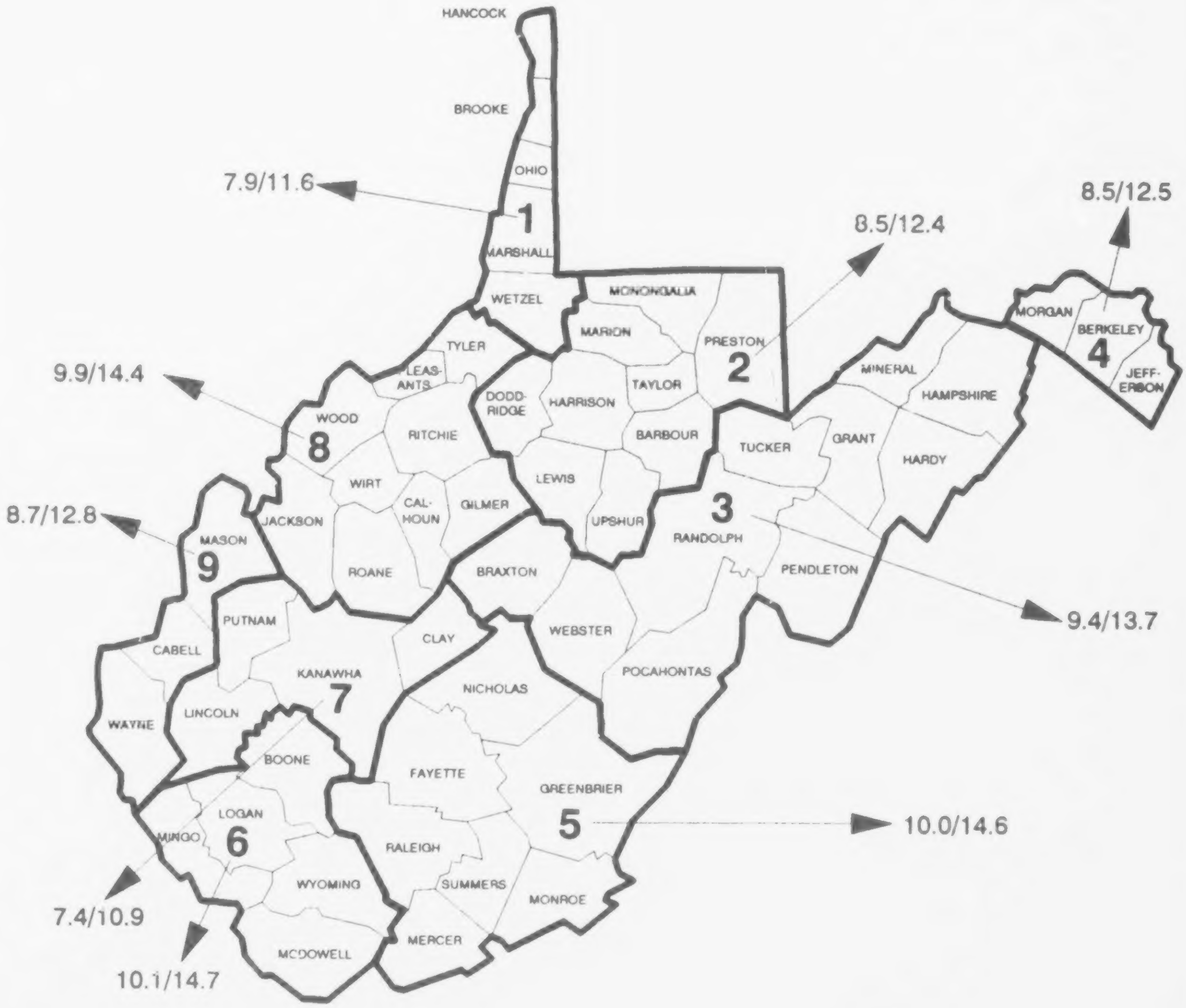
Approved by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to Allocate Federal Funds
and Determine Eligibility for Federal Assistance Programs

County	***Civilian Labor Force***		***Employment***		***Unemployment***		***Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force***	
Barbour	4,790	(4,910)	3,630	(3,670)	1,160	(1,240)	24.3	(25.3)
Berkeley	31,570	(31,950)	28,000	(27,990)	3,570	(3,960)	11.3	(12.4)
Boone	9,030	(9,110)	7,610	(7,660)	1,420	(1,450)	15.7	(15.9)
Braxton	5,740	(5,770)	4,400	(4,360)	1,330	(1,410)	23.2	(24.5)
Brooke	10,340	(10,000)	9,010	(8,880)	1,340	(1,120)	12.9	(11.2)
Cabell	45,460	(45,680)	40,500	(40,350)	4,960	(5,330)	10.9	(11.7)
Calhoun	3,150	(3,260)	2,310	(2,330)	830	(930)	26.5	(28.4)
Clay	3,480	(3,450)	2,670	(2,700)	800	(760)	23.1	(21.9)
Doddridge	2,600	(2,530)	2,230	(2,220)	370	(300)	14.3	(12.0)
Fayette	18,450	(18,380)	15,500	(15,350)	2,960	(3,030)	16.0	(16.5)
Gilmer	3,150	(3,140)	2,690	(2,620)	460	(520)	14.5	(16.4)
Grant	4,890	(4,980)	4,250	(4,240)	640	(730)	13.0	(14.7)
Greenbrier	16,120	(16,340)	13,500	(13,540)	2,620	(2,800)	16.3	(17.1)
Hampshire	7,370	(7,450)	6,110	(6,140)	1,260	(1,310)	17.1	(17.6)
Hancock	13,560	(13,420)	12,060	(11,890)	1,500	(1,530)	11.0	(11.4)
Hardy	5,880	(5,960)	5,390	(5,390)	490	(570)	8.4	(9.5)
Harrison	31,430	(31,360)	27,350	(27,250)	4,080	(4,110)	13.0	(13.1)
Jackson	10,570	(10,300)	8,600	(8,440)	1,970	(1,860)	18.6	(18.1)
Jefferson	18,720	(18,630)	15,990	(15,740)	2,730	(2,890)	14.6	(15.5)
Kanawha	101,910	(101,560)	92,300	(91,740)	9,620	(9,820)	9.4	(9.7)
Lewis	7,850	(7,960)	6,560	(6,600)	1,290	(1,360)	16.5	(17.0)
Lincoln	8,220	(8,380)	6,760	(6,800)	1,460	(1,580)	17.8	(18.8)
Logan	13,810	(14,000)	11,860	(11,870)	1,950	(2,120)	14.1	(15.2)
McDowell	7,060	(7,230)	5,750	(5,750)	1,310	(1,480)	18.5	(20.4)
Marion	23,890	(23,840)	20,040	(19,830)	3,850	(4,010)	16.1	(16.8)
Marshall	15,470	(16,090)	13,100	(13,100)	2,370	(2,990)	15.3	(18.6)
Mason	10,050	(10,180)	8,130	(8,110)	1,910	(2,070)	19.1	(20.3)
Mercer	27,850	(27,650)	24,630	(24,480)	3,220	(3,160)	11.6	(11.4)
Mineral	11,110	(11,000)	10,020	(9,910)	1,090	(1,080)	9.8	(9.8)
Mingo	12,260	(12,200)	10,850	(10,770)	1,410	(1,430)	11.5	(11.7)
Monongalia	42,620	(42,330)	39,930	(39,460)	2,690	(2,870)	6.3	(6.8)
Monroe	5,330	(5,360)	4,760	(4,770)	570	(590)	10.8	(10.9)
Morgan	5,500	(5,480)	4,820	(4,820)	680	(660)	12.4	(12.1)
Nicholas	9,650	(9,660)	7,690	(7,680)	1,960	(1,990)	20.3	(20.5)
Ohio	24,330	(24,550)	22,200	(22,190)	2,130	(2,360)	8.8	(9.6)
Pendleton	4,030	(4,080)	3,730	(3,730)	300	(340)	7.4	(8.4)
Pleasants	2,310	(2,370)	1,880	(1,890)	430	(480)	18.7	(20.2)
Pocahontas	5,230	(5,340)	4,600	(4,740)	640	(610)	12.2	(11.3)
Preston	14,260	(13,940)	12,440	(12,290)	1,820	(1,640)	12.8	(11.8)
Putnam	17,910	(17,790)	15,480	(15,390)	2,430	(2,400)	13.6	(13.5)
Raleigh	29,960	(29,940)	25,800	(25,820)	4,170	(4,120)	13.9	(13.8)
Randolph	12,550	(12,670)	10,720	(10,720)	1,830	(1,950)	14.6	(15.4)
Ritchie	5,510	(5,600)	4,710	(4,750)	800	(850)	14.6	(15.2)
Roane	5,470	(5,610)	4,130	(4,200)	1,350	(1,420)	24.6	(25.2)
Summers	4,470	(4,570)	3,630	(3,650)	840	(930)	18.9	(20.2)
Taylor	6,210	(6,260)	5,360	(5,340)	850	(920)	13.7	(14.7)
Tucker	4,300	(4,270)	3,700	(3,740)	600	(530)	13.9	(12.4)
Tyler	4,900	(4,930)	4,380	(4,370)	520	(560)	10.5	(11.4)
Upshur	8,900	(8,870)	7,280	(7,240)	1,620	(1,640)	18.2	(18.4)
Wayne	16,920	(16,950)	14,530	(14,480)	2,390	(2,480)	14.1	(14.6)
Webster	3,150	(3,130)	2,520	(2,520)	630	(610)	20.0	(19.5)
Wetzel	9,770	(9,920)	8,570	(8,550)	1,200	(1,370)	12.3	(13.8)
Wirt	2,150	(2,200)	1,780	(1,790)	370	(410)	17.3	(18.4)
Wood	42,820	(42,930)	38,000	(38,160)	4,820	(4,770)	11.3	(11.1)
Wyoming	7,060	(7,070)	5,920	(5,890)	1,150	(1,190)	16.2	(16.8)
Statewide	781,000	(782,500)	680,300	(677,900)	100,800	(104,600)	12.9	(13.4)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

Partnership for Progress Area Unemployment Rates

WV Series / BLS Series ***March 1992***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The statewide number of unemployed grew marginally during March 1992 and similarly, the number of jobs expanded modestly thereby sustaining a mixed reaction in the West Virginia Series unemployment rates for the Partnership for Progress Areas. As many areas posted increases in their rates as did the number posting decreases for the month. Only Area 3 went unchanged, maintaining its unemployment rate of 9.4 percent. Area 6 again recorded the highest rate (10.1), although this was a decline of two-tenths from the previous month. Area 7 supplied the lowest rate (7.4). Of the areas registering gains in March, only Area 8 advanced more than one-tenth (+0.2). Significant contractions in the unemployment rate occurred in Area 9 (-0.3) and Area 1 (-0.4).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	*Revised Feb. '92*	*Revised Mar. '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	114.0	112.6	113.2
Employment	106.2	105.1	106.5
Unemployment	7.7	7.5	6.7
Rate (%)	6.8	6.7	5.9
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	126.5	126.2	126.5
Employment	117.8	117.1	118.0
Unemployment	8.7	9.2	8.4
Rate (%)	6.9	7.3	6.7
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	69.2	69.1	68.5
Employment	64.3	64.4	64.1
Unemployment	4.8	4.7	4.4
Rate (%)	7.0	6.9	6.4
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	67.1	67.5	67.7
Employment	62.4	62.2	63.2
Unemployment	4.7	5.3	4.4
Rate (%)	6.9	7.8	6.6
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	37.8	37.5	36.6
Employment	34.4	34.2	33.6
Unemployment	3.4	3.3	3.0
Rate (%)	9.0	8.8	8.1
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.7	11.6	11.2
Employment	10.1	10.0	9.9
Unemployment	1.7	1.6	1.3
Rate (%)	14.2	13.8	11.8
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	54.5	53.6	52.1
Employment	51.6	50.8	49.5
Unemployment	2.9	2.8	2.6
Rate (%)	5.3	5.2	4.9
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	13.9	13.9	14.1
Employment	12.8	12.7	12.9
Unemployment	1.1	1.2	1.2
Rate (%)	7.9	8.6	8.5
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.0	20.1	20.4
Employment	18.0	18.0	18.4
Unemployment	2.1	2.1	2.0
Rate (%)	10.2	10.4	9.7

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	*Revised Feb. '92*	*Revised Mar. '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	119.8	119.3	119.0
Employment	107.8	107.1	109.5
Unemployment	12.0	12.2	9.5
Rate (%)	10.1	10.2	8.0
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	132.6	133.4	132.5
Employment	118.3	117.3	119.4
Unemployment	14.3	16.1	13.2
Rate (%)	10.8	12.1	9.9
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	74.1	74.0	72.5
Employment	66.1	66.1	65.9
Unemployment	7.9	7.9	6.6
Rate (%)	10.7	10.7	9.1
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	71.9	72.7	71.7
Employment	64.3	63.9	65.0
Unemployment	7.7	8.8	6.6
Rate (%)	10.7	12.1	9.3
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	40.2	40.2	38.8
Employment	34.9	34.8	34.6
Unemployment	5.3	5.3	4.2
Rate (%)	13.2	13.3	10.8
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.8	12.8	12.0
Employment	10.2	10.2	10.2
Unemployment	2.6	2.6	1.9
Rate (%)	20.2	20.3	15.6
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	56.9	56.3	54.6
Employment	52.4	51.8	50.9
Unemployment	4.5	4.5	3.6
Rate (%)	7.9	8.0	6.7
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.7	14.9	14.9
Employment	13.0	12.9	13.2
Unemployment	1.7	1.9	1.7
Rate (%)	11.7	13.0	11.4
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.4	21.7	21.7
Employment	18.3	18.3	18.9
Unemployment	3.2	3.4	2.8
Rate (%)	14.9	15.6	13.0

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 800 jobs during March 1992 in the Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area. The local goods-producing sector remained essentially unchanged over the month (+100), with only a slight increase noted in mining (+100). The service-producing sector advanced seasonally by 700, particularly in trade (+400) and services (+200). Total government increased by 100 jobs, while both finance, insurance and real estate and transportation, communication and public utilities were unchanged over the month. Comparison with year-ago March 1991 reveals a total increase of 600 jobs locally. In the goods-producing sector, the number of jobs fell by 300, particularly in mining (-200) and construction (-100). On the service-producing side, the job count rose by 900, resulting from the yearly advance in total services (+1,300). Other industries in the service-producing sector either declined or remained unchanged.

Unemployment: The number of resident unemployed increased slightly (+200) during March 1992 in the Charleston MSA. The corresponding unemployment rate advanced slightly to 6.8 percent of the civilian labor force. In the year-ago comparison, total unemployment rose by 1,000 in the MSA, with the unemployment rate increasing from 5.9 percent to the current 6.8 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	*Revised Feb. '92*	*Revised Mar. '91*
Labor Force	114.0	112.6	113.2
Employment	106.2	105.1	106.5
Unemployment	7.7	7.5	6.7
Rate (%)	6.8	6.7	5.9

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	*Revised Feb. '92*	*Revised Mar. '91*
Labor Force	119.8	119.3	119.0
Employment	107.8	107.1	109.5
Unemployment	12.0	12.2	9.5
Rate (%)	10.1	10.2	8.0

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Mar.'92	*Revised Feb.'92*	*Revised Mar.'91*	*Change From: Feb. 1992*	*Change From: Mar. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	110.9	110.1	110.3	0.8	0.6
PRIVATE SECTOR	91.2	90.5	90.6	0.7	0.6
GOODS-PRODUCING	16.8	16.7	17.1	0.1	-0.3
Mining	2.2	2.1	2.4	0.1	-0.2
Construction	4.1	4.1	4.2	0.0	-0.1
Manufacturing	10.5	10.5	10.5	0.0	0.0
Durable Goods	1.9	1.8	1.7	0.1	0.2
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.7	8.8	-0.1	-0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.2	7.3	7.3	-0.1	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	-0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	94.1	93.4	93.2	0.7	0.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.6	8.6	8.7	0.0	-0.1
Trade	27.9	27.5	28.0	0.4	-0.1
Wholesale Trade	7.1	7.1	7.3	0.0	-0.2
Retail Trade	20.8	20.4	20.7	0.4	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.4	6.4	6.6	0.0	-0.2
Services	31.5	31.3	30.2	0.2	1.3
Health Services	11.7	11.6	11.3	0.1	0.4
Government	19.7	19.6	19.7	0.1	0.0
Federal	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	0.2
State	9.1	9.0	9.2	0.1	-0.1
Local	8.5	8.5	8.6	0.0	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	-0.3

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar.'92	*Feb.'92*	*Mar.'91*	*Mar.'92*	*Feb.'92*	*Mar.'91*	*Mar.'92*	*Feb.'92*	*Mar.'91*
Manufacturing	$638.02	$630.87	$597.48	43.7	42.8	43.9	$14.60	$14.74	$13.61
Nondurable Goods	670.46	671.67	634.74	43.2	42.7	44.7	15.52	15.73	14.20
Chemicals & Allied Products	779.09	786.84	722.92	46.1	45.8	46.7	16.90	17.18	15.48

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment advanced by 500 in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA during March 1992. The goods-producing sector grew by 300, while the service-producing industries gained 200 jobs. Construction increased by 200, while manufacturing added another 100 to account for the 300 job increase in the goods-producing sector. In the service-producing industries, trade grew by 100, as wholesale trade advanced (+100). Government added 100 jobs over the month. Declines offset advances throughout the rest of the service-producing industries resulting in an overall increase of 200 jobs. Comparison with year-ago March 1991 indicates a 200 job increase over the 12 month period. The goods-producing sector declined by 200 while service-producing industries advanced by 400 jobs. The largest advance occurred in total services (+1,200).

Unemployment: Unemployment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA decreased by 500 during March 1992, to a level of 8,700 jobless. The corresponding unemployment rate declined to 6.9 percent of the civilian labor force. The number of unemployed increased by 300 over the year.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	*Revised Feb. '92*	*Revised Mar. '91*
Labor Force	126.5	126.2	126.5
Employment	117.8	117.1	118.0
Unemployment	8.7	9.2	8.4
Rate (%)	6.9	7.3	6.7

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	*Revised Feb. '92*	*Revised Mar. '91*
Labor Force	132.6	133.4	132.5
Employment	118.3	117.3	119.4
Unemployment	14.3	16.1	13.2
Rate (%)	10.8	12.1	9.9

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Mar.'92	*Revised Feb.'92*	*Revised Mar.'91*	*Feb. 1992*	*Mar. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	109.9	109.4	109.7	0.5	0.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	90.0	89.6	89.7	0.4	0.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	25.5	25.2	25.7	0.3	-0.2
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Construction	4.3	4.1	4.3	0.2	0.0
Manufacturing	19.6	19.5	19.8	0.1	-0.2
Durable Goods	11.2	11.2	11.6	0.0	-0.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.4	1.4	-0.1	-0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.2	7.2	7.4	0.0	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.7	2.6	2.8	0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.3	8.2	0.1	0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.4	4.3	4.2	0.1	0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	84.4	84.2	84.0	0.2	0.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.2	7.1	8.0	0.1	-0.8
Trade	27.3	27.2	27.2	0.1	0.1
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.3	5.4	0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	21.9	21.9	21.8	0.0	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.8	3.8	3.8	0.0	0.0
Services	26.2	26.3	25.0	-0.1	1.2
Health Services	11.0	11.1	10.5	-0.1	0.5
Government	19.9	19.8	20.0	0.1	-0.1
Federal	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
State	5.1	5.1	5.2	0.0	-0.1
Local	11.8	11.7	11.9	0.1	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar.'92	*Feb.'92*	*Mar.'91*	*Mar.'92*	*Feb.'92*	*Mar.'91*	*Mar.'92*	*Feb.'92*	*Mar.'91*
Manufacturing	$554.60	$558.49	$516.36	40.9	41.4	39.0	$13.56	$13.49	$13.24
Durable Goods	574.63	580.97	525.86	40.1	41.0	38.3	14.33	14.17	13.73
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	466.49	552.32	545.31	38.3	43.8	43.8	12.18	12.61	12.45
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	652.72	647.74	551.25	41.0	41.1	36.1	15.92	15.76	15.27
Nondurable Goods	526.66	525.01	504.11	42.2	41.9	40.2	12.48	12.53	12.54

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment declined 200 during March 1992 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. The goods producing sector lost 300 jobs during the thirty day period with decreases occurring in construction (-100) and manufacturing (-200). Service producing employment inched forward with a gain of 100 jobs. Improvements were recorded in trade (+100) and services (+100) while finance, insurance and real estate posted a minor retreat (-100). Comparing current data with March 1991 indicates a gain of 500 in total nonfarm payroll employment. Goods producing employment lost 600 in the twelve month comparison. Losses were registered in construction (-200) and manufacturing (-400). Service producing employment realized a gain of 1,100 during this same period. Advances were observed in transportation and public utilities (+100), trade (+300), services (+700), and government (+100). The lone contraction appeared in finance, insurance, and real estate (-100).

Unemployment: Total unemployment in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA expanded by 100 during March 1992. The unemployment rate mirrored this movement with an increase from 6.9 to 7.0 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to March 1991 the unemployment rate has increased from 6.4 to 7.0 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	*Revised Feb. '92*	*Revised Mar. '91*
Labor Force	69.2	69.1	68.5
Employment	64.3	64.4	64.1
Unemployment	4.8	4.7	4.4
Rate (%)	7.0	6.9	6.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	*Revised Feb. '92*	*Revised Mar. '91*
Labor Force	74.1	74.0	72.5
Employment	66.1	66.1	65.9
Unemployment	7.9	7.9	6.6
Rate (%)	10.7	10.7	9.1

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Mar.'92	*Revised Feb.'92*	*Revised Mar.'91*	*Change From: Feb. 1992*	*Mar. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	60.8	61.0	60.3	-0.2	0.5
PRIVATE SECTOR	50.7	50.9	50.3	-0.2	0.4
GOODS-PRODUCING	16.1	16.4	16.7	-0.3	-0.6
Mining	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.3	2.4	2.5	-0.1	-0.2
Manufacturing	13.4	13.6	13.8	-0.2	-0.4
Durable Goods	6.6	6.7	6.6	-0.1	0.0
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.0	-0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.8	2.8	2.7	0.0	0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.3	1.4	1.3	-0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	6.8	6.9	7.2	-0.1	-0.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.1	5.2	5.4	-0.1	-0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	44.7	44.6	43.6	0.1	1.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.0	0.1
Trade	14.6	14.5	14.3	0.1	0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	11.7	11.6	11.5	0.1	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.3	2.3	-0.1	-0.1
Services	15.2	15.1	14.5	0.1	0.7
Health Services	4.8	4.8	4.6	0.0	0.2
Government	10.1	10.1	10.0	0.0	0.1
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
State	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Local	7.1	7.1	7.0	0.0	0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar.'92	*Feb.'92*	*Mar.'91*	*Mar.'92*	*Feb.'92*	*Mar.'91*	*Mar.'92*	*Feb.'92*	*Mar.'91*
Manufacturing	$570.44	$582.42	$550.90	40.2	40.9	40.3	$14.19	$14.24	$13.67
Durable Goods	462.40	479.41	464.44	37.2	38.2	38.1	12.43	12.55	12.19
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	560.05	583.88	560.65	42.3	44.1	42.7	13.24	13.24	13.13
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	439.77	472.97	455.95	32.6	34.1	35.1	13.49	13.87	12.99
Nondurable Goods	708.69	713.51	649.28	44.1	44.4	42.8	16.07	16.07	15.17

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 100 during March 1992 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area. This increase occurred in the service producing sector (+100) as the goods-producing sector remained stable for the month. Mining decreased by 100 while construction increased by 100 and manufacturing remained stable. Government also increased by 100 while TPU, trade, FIRE and services remained stable. Comparison with year-ago March 1991 figures indicates a decline of 400 jobs in nonfarm payroll. In the goods producing industries manufacturing fell by 300, while mining and construction each fell by 100. The service-producing sector increased by 100 jobs during the year. Services (+400), FIRE (+100) and TPU (+100) experienced increases which were offset in part by decreases in trade (-300) and government (-200). No labor-management disputes were recorded for March 1992.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment decreased by 600 during March 1992 in the MSA, with the corresponding unemployment rate decreasing to 6.9 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data indicates an increase of 300 unemployed over the year with the unemployment rate advancing from 6.6 percent to the current 6.9 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	*Revised Feb. '92*	*Revised Mar. '91*
Labor Force	67.1	67.5	67.7
Employment	62.4	62.2	63.2
Unemployment	4.7	5.3	4.4
Rate (%)	6.9	7.8	6.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Mar. '92	*Revised Feb. '92*	*Revised Mar. '91*
Labor Force	71.9	72.7	71.7
Employment	64.3	63.9	65.0
Unemployment	7.7	8.8	6.6
Rate (%)	10.7	12.1	9.3

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Mar.'92	*Revised Feb.'92*	*Revised Mar.'91*	*Change From: Feb. 1992*	*Change From: Mar. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	58.4	58.3	58.8	0.1	-0.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	49.3	49.3	49.5	0.0	-0.2
GOODS-PRODUCING	10.2	10.2	10.7	0.0	-0.5
Mining	1.9	2.0	2.0	-0.1	-0.1
Construction	1.4	1.3	1.5	0.1	-0.1
Manufacturing	6.9	6.9	7.2	0.0	-0.3
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	2.8	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.2	4.2	4.4	0.0	-0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	48.2	48.1	48.1	0.1	0.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.1
Trade	14.8	14.8	15.1	0.0	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	12.1	12.1	12.4	0.0	-0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
Services	17.8	17.8	17.4	0.0	0.4
Health Services	7.9	7.9	7.8	0.0	0.1
Government	9.1	9.0	9.3	0.1	-0.2
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.9	1.8	1.9	0.1	0.0
Local	6.5	6.5	6.7	0.0	-0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar.'92	*Feb.'92*	*Mar.'91*	*Mar.'92*	*Feb.'92*	*Mar.'91*	*Mar.'92*	*Feb.'92*	*Mar.'91*
Manufacturing	$560.40	$537.73	$588.07	40.0	38.3	42.8	$14.01	$14.04	$13.74
Nondurable Goods	631.53	594.69	606.32	42.7	40.9	41.7	14.79	14.54	14.54
Durable Goods	472.14	471.61	565.32	36.6	35.3	44.2	12.90	13.36	12.79

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	*Applicants Available Program Year to Date*	*NONFARM JOB OPENINGS*					*Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date*	*Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month*
		Active File	*Received Program Year to Date*	*UNFILLED*		*FILLED*		
				Total	*30 Days or More*	*Total*		
TOTAL	167,268	78,997	29,933	2,740	1,261	21,387	5.6	28.8
Professional, Technical & Managerial	17,516	8,055	1,172	189	83	458	14.9	42.6
Clerical & Sales	44,263	18,315	7,096	782	375	4,377	6.2	23.4
Services	16,474	9,170	5,888	587	132	3,974	2.8	15.6
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,626	861	147	38	7	47	11.1	22.7
Processing	9,135	4,845	768	159	113	632	11.9	30.5
Machine Trades	11,465	5,916	1,064	137	76	637	10.8	43.2
Benchwork	6,763	3,372	750	119	46	458	9.0	28.3
Structural Work	29,110	15,878	1,776	199	89	650	16.4	79.8
Miscellaneous	34,240	15,054	11,272	530	340	9,754	3.0	28.4
Transportation	7,679	3,881	1,026	126	43	566	7.5	30.8
Packaging & Materials Handling	19,046	6,634	9,601	224	187	8,850	2.0	29.6
Other	7,515	4,539	645	180	110	338	11.7	25.2
Entry Total	20	1	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

	Mar. 1992	*Feb. 1992*	*Mar. 1991*	*Percent Change: Feb. 1992*	*Percent Change: Mar. 1991*
Initial Claims	8,100	9,228	7,464	-12.2	8.5
Weeks Claimed	131,515	115,669	119,044	13.7	10.5
Benefits Paid	$17,258,881	$14,871,385	$15,475,166	16.1	11.5
Weeks Compensated	113,553	98,166	102,392	15.7	10.9
Average Weekly Payment	$151.99	$151.49	$151.14	0.3	0.6
Trust Fund Balance, End of Month	$119,610,882	$135,233,969	$115,747,198	-11.6	3.3

Workers' Compensation

Select Workers' Compensation Claims Activities

	Mar. 1992	Feb. 1992	Mar. 1991	*Percent Change:* Feb. 1992	Mar. 1991
Temporary Disability Benefits Paid	5,962,088	6,358,917	5,302,015	-6.2	12.4
Medical Benefits Paid	6,965,640	5,802,962	8,210,690	20.0	-15.2
Permanent Partial Disability Benefits Paid	4,568,633	3,214,682	3,860,978	42.1	18.3
Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	8,401,610	9,076,354	5,864,405	-7.4	43.3
Benefits to Dependents of Fatalities	1,917,426	1,565,388	1,476,461	22.5	29.9
Funeral Benefits Paid	37,667	3,500	7,000	976.2	438.1
Miscellaneous Benefits Paid*	126,345	222,450	87,837	-43.2	43.8
DWRF** Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	602,131	677,253	602,252	-11.1	0.0
DWRF** Benefits Paid to Dependents of Fatalities	987,090	978,949	978,021	0.8	0.9
Sum of All Benefits Paid	29,568,631	27,900,455	26,389,658	6.0	12.0

** Includes returned benefit checks, attorney fees and specified dependent benefits.*

*** Disabled Workers' Relief Fund provides benefits to meet the weekly minimum benefit payable for worker's injured prior to July 1, 1971.*

Select Job Training Partnership Act Characteristics

Performance Standard Report
July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991

Job Training Program	**Standard**	**Actual**
Entered Employment Rate - Adults	68	68
Average Wage at Placements Adults	4.95	4.81
Cost Per Entered Employment Adults	4,500	2,284
Entered Employment Rate - Welfare Recipients	56	58
Entered Employment Rate - Youth (Out of School Programs)	45	53
Positive Termination Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	75	85
Cost Per Positive Termination - Youth	4,900	2,101
Employability Enhancement Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	33	52

Characteristics	**Enrolled**	**Positive Outlook***
Adult	8,582	6,951
Female	5,406	4,379
Male	3,176	2,572
Youth	7,326	5,495
Female	3,882	2,912
Male	3,444	2,583
School Dropout	**	2,341
High School Graduate /Equivalent or above	**	6,355
Single Parent	**	2,777
Black	**	904
Hispanic	**	35
Handicapped	**	1,059
Unemployed	**	6,648
Welfare	**	2,841
Veterans	**	772

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Mountain State MiniStatistic

Payroll employment in West Virginia rose 6,800 in April to 629,600--the highest April level since 1980. The number of payroll jobs in the state has increased by 5,000 over the past year.

Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force in West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	*Prelim.* Apr. '92	*Revised* Mar. '92	*Revised* Apr. '91	*Change from:* Mar. 1992	*Change from:* Apr. 1991
Civilian Labor Force	740.0	736.0	731.2	4.0	8.8
Total Employment	678.8	671.2	674.4	7.6	4.4
Total Unemployment	61.2	64.8	56.8	-3.6	4.4
Unemployment Rate	8.3	8.8	7.8	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*					
Civilian Labor Force	776.5	781.5	774.9	-5.0	1.6
Total Employment	688.4	680.7	695.9	7.7	-7.5
Total Unemployment	88.1	100.7	79.1	-12.6	9.0
Unemployment Rate	11.3	12.9	10.2	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment in West Virginia increased 7,600 during the month to an estimated 678,800 in mid-April. Spring seasonal hirings are responsible for much of the improvement. This April's employment shows a 4,400 increase in West Virginians at work compared with twelve months ago.

Carried by a strong seasonal upswing in construction, the goods-producing sector of nonfarm payroll employment expanded 3,300 in April. General building contractors added 700, heavy construction 1,300, and special trade contractors 900. Manufacturing experienced numerous small gains that added up to an increase of 600 altogether. Crosscurrents remained evident, however, as mining slid another 200 to 31,700.

Employment grew in service-producing industries in April as well. The spring tourism season helped spark increases of 800 in amusements within services, and another 800 in restaurants within trade. Other seasonal increases occurred in agricultural services (+200) and building materials and garden supply stores (+300). Services registered a gain of 1,700, as all but one component added employees or remained unchanged. Government gained 400, largely as a result of seasonal increases at public parks.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents improved 3,600 to a mid-April figure of 61,200. This represented an unemployment rate of 8.3 percent for the month, down from 8.8 last month but above the 7.8 rate of April 1991. Unemployment normally declines between March and April.

West Virginia Economic Indicators

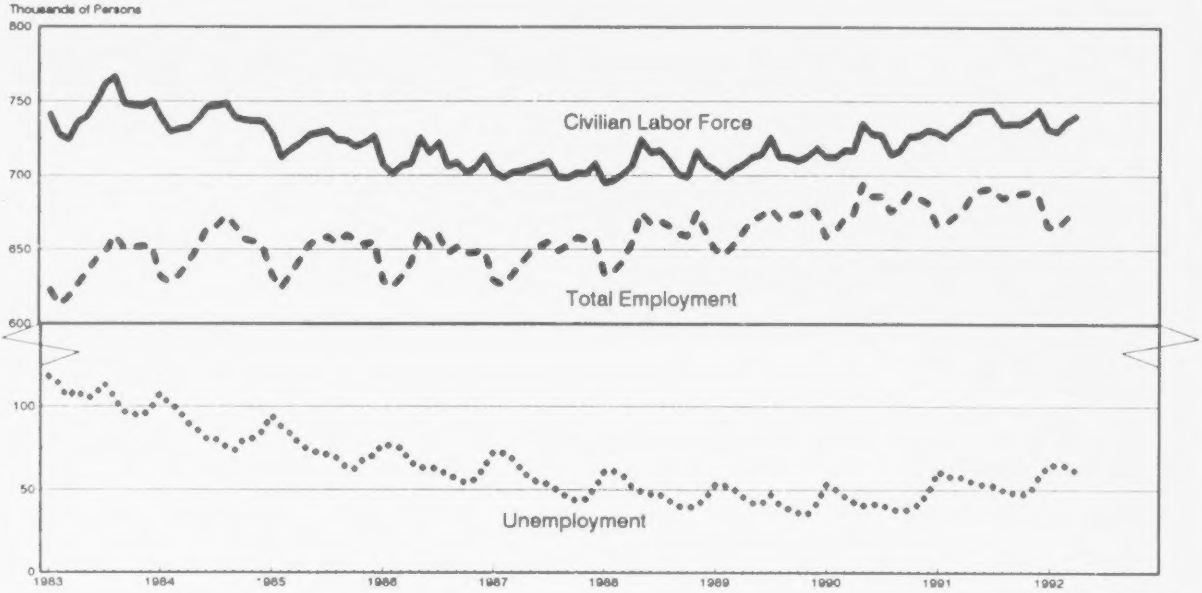
	Apr. 1992	*Mar. 1992*	*Apr. 1991*
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.8	40.6	40.5
Seasonally Adjusted	40.9	40.7	40.6
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,553	2,518	2,510
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$497.35	$485.58	$473.04
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	45.0	44.0	43.9
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$817.65	$799.04	$806.88
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	13,981	14,585	13,435
Seasonally Adjusted	13,659	14,148	13,125
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,116	1,168	1,065
Seasonally Adjusted	1,122	1,085	1,071
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	4,299	4,526	4,224
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,240	1,242	1,168
Seasonally Adjusted	1,303	1,360	1,227
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	2,016	1,841	1,983
Seasonally Adjusted	2,322	2,058	2,284
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	4.3	4.9	3.9
Seasonally Adjusted	3.7	3.8	3.5
Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted			
WV Series	7.9	7.7	7.4
BLS Series	11.6	12.6	10.4

Selected National Data

	Apr. 1992	*Mar. 1992*	*Apr. 1991*
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	7.1	7.7	6.5
Seasonally Adjusted	7.2	7.3	6.6
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	139.5	139.3	135.2
1967 Base	417.9	417.2	405.1
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	122.2	122.0	121.1
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	366.5	416.8	461.7
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	3.3	3.7	3.5
Seasonally Adjusted	3.2	3.1	3.3
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	$361.15	$361.87	$350.20
Average Weekly Hours	34.2	34.3	34.0
Average Hourly Earnings	$10.56	$10.55	$10.30

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Total Employment, Unemployment and Civilian Labor Force



Goods Producing Employment

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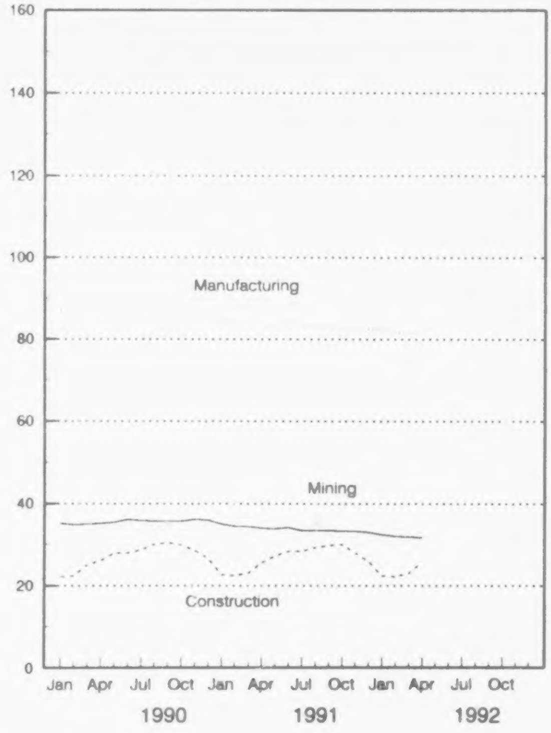

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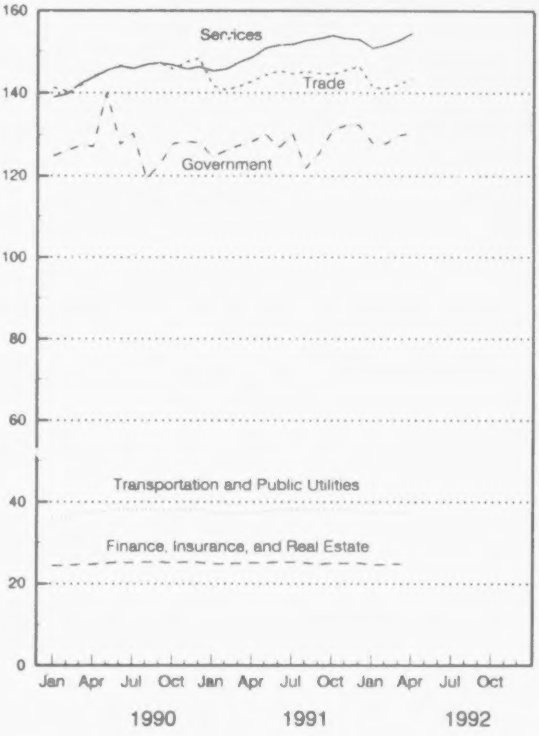


Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. *Apr.'92*	*Revised* *Mar.'92*	*Revised* *Apr.'91*	*Change From:* *Mar.* *1992*	*Apr.* *1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	629.7	622.9	624.6	6.8	5.1
PRIVATE SECTOR	499.4	493.1	496.3	6.3	3.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	139.5	136.2	142.4	3.3	-2.9
Mining	31.7	31.9	34.0	-0.2	-2.3
Coal Mining	26.6	26.8	28.6	-0.2	-2.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.1	4.1	4.4	0.0	-0.3
Other Mining	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	25.8	22.9	25.6	2.9	0.2
General Building Contractors	6.6	5.9	6.5	0.7	0.1
Heavy Construction	7.3	6.0	7.2	1.3	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	11.9	11.0	11.9	0.9	0.0
Manufacturing	82.0	81.4	82.8	0.6	-0.8
Durable Goods	45.1	44.7	45.4	0.4	-0.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.9	7.9	7.3	0.0	0.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.0	6.9	7.1	0.1	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	13.0	12.9	13.4	0.1	-0.4
Fabricated Metal Products	5.7	5.6	5.4	0.1	0.3
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.8	4.8	5.6	0.0	-0.8
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Transportation Equipment	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.2	2.3	0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	36.9	36.7	37.4	0.2	-0.5
Food & Kindred Products	4.1	4.1	4.0	0.0	0.1
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.0	3.9	4.0	0.1	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	5.1	5.1	5.1	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	16.9	16.8	17.6	0.1	-0.7
Other Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.8	4.7	0.0	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	490.2	486.7	482.2	3.5	8.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.2	37.2	37.2	0.0	0.0
Railroad Transportation	3.7	3.7	3.9	0.0	-0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	9.7	9.7	9.6	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.3	0.0	0.2
Communications	8.1	8.1	8.1	0.0	0.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.2	12.2	12.3	0.0	-0.1
Trade	143.4	142.1	142.9	1.3	0.5
Wholesale Trade	29.7	29.8	30.1	-0.1	-0.4
Retail Trade	113.7	112.3	112.8	1.4	0.9
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	4.9	4.6	4.8	0.3	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	16.3	16.3	15.1	0.0	1.2
Food Stores	22.1	22.0	22.3	0.1	-0.2
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.3	14.3	14.4	0.0	-0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.7	4.7	5.7	0.0	-1.0
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.3	4.2	4.3	0.1	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	35.0	34.2	34.6	0.8	0.4
Miscellaneous Retail	12.1	12.0	11.6	0.1	0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.8	24.8	25.0	0.0	-0.2
Finance	14.0	14.0	14.0	0.0	0.0
Insurance	6.7	6.8	6.9	-0.1	-0.2
Real Estate	4.1	4.0	4.1	0.1	0.0
Services	154.5	152.8	148.8	1.7	5.7
Agricultural Services	2.4	2.2	2.4	0.2	0.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	7.8	7.8	7.6	0.0	0.2
Personal Services	6.5	6.5	6.7	0.0	-0.2
Business Services	14.3	14.0	13.8	0.3	0.5
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.7	5.7	5.5	0.0	0.2
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	6.0	5.2	6.0	0.8	0.0
Health Services	59.5	59.1	56.7	0.4	2.8
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.9	10.8	10.4	0.1	0.5
Hospitals	29.7	29.6	28.3	0.1	1.4
Other Health Services	18.9	18.7	18.0	0.2	0.9
Legal Services	4.2	4.2	4.0	0.0	0.2
Educational Services	6.5	6.5	6.0	0.0	0.5
Social Services	13.1	13.1	12.3	0.0	0.8
Membership Organizations	19.5	19.6	19.5	-0.1	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	8.1	8.0	7.5	0.1	0.6
Government	130.3	129.8	128.3	0.5	2.0
Federal	17.4	17.0	16.8	0.4	0.6
Hospitals	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	5.2	5.1	5.0	0.1	0.2
Other Federal	9.0	8.7	8.7	0.3	0.3
State	41.2	41.5	40.1	-0.3	1.1
Hospitals	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1
Education	19.7	19.9	19.2	-0.2	0.5
Other State	19.0	19.1	18.5	-0.1	0.5
Local	71.7	71.3	71.4	0.4	0.3
Hospitals	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0
Education	45.5	45.5	45.8	0.0	-0.3
Other Local	21.2	20.8	20.6	0.4	0.6
Labor-Management Dispute Status	1.8	1.8	2.0	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr.'92	Revised Mar.'92	Revised Apr.'91	Change From: Mar. 1992	Apr. 1991
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	285.0	282.4	277.4	2.6	7.6
PRIVATE SECTOR	216.3	213.4	209.9	2.9	6.4
GOODS-PRODUCING	23.6	23.0	23.6	0.6	0.0
Mining	2.0	1.9	2.0	0.1	0.0
Coal Mining	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.1	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	0.1
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	19.4	18.9	19.5	0.5	-0.1
Durable Goods	7.2	7.2	7.4	0.0	-0.2
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.2	2.1	2.1	0.1	0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.0	-0.2
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.7	0.8	0.8	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	12.2	11.7	12.1	0.5	0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.5	3.4	3.4	0.1	0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.0
Printing & Publishing	2.0	1.9	1.9	0.1	0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	2.8	2.6	3.0	0.2	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	261.4	259.4	253.8	2.0	7.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.2	8.1	7.8	0.1	0.4
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1
Communications	3.9	3.9	3.6	0.0	0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Trade	68.2	67.2	66.4	1.0	1.8
Wholesale Trade	6.2	6.1	5.8	0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	62.0	61.1	60.6	0.9	1.4
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.8	0.9	0.9	-0.1	-0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.6	11.6	10.3	0.0	1.3
Food Stores	11.7	11.6	11.6	0.1	0.1
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.6	3.5	3.5	0.1	0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	3.9	3.9	4.8	0.0	-0.9
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.5	1.4	1.5	0.1	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	20.8	20.2	20.1	0.6	0.7
Miscellaneous Retail	8.1	8.0	7.9	0.1	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.5	15.5	15.6	0.0	-0.1
Finance	10.9	10.9	11.0	0.0	-0.1
Insurance	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
Real Estate	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	-0.1
Services	100.8	99.6	96.5	1.2	4.3
Agricultural Services	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.3	4.2	4.0	0.1	0.3
Personal Services	4.4	4.3	4.2	0.1	0.2
Business Services	7.4	7.2	6.8	0.2	0.6
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.9	2.5	2.7	0.4	0.2
Health Services	48.9	48.3	46.7	0.6	2.2
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.9	9.5	9.2	0.4	0.7
Hospitals	24.4	24.3	23.5	0.1	0.9
Other Health Services	14.6	14.5	14.0	0.1	0.6
Legal Services	3.4	3.3	3.2	0.1	0.2
Educational Services	3.4	3.5	3.4	-0.1	0.0
Social Services	9.5	9.4	9.0	0.1	0.5
Membership Organizations	11.2	11.6	11.6	-0.4	-0.4
Engineering & Management Services	3.0	2.9	2.6	0.1	0.4
Government	68.7	69.0	67.5	-0.3	1.2
Federal	7.4	7.3	7.4	0.1	0.0
Hospitals	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	4.2	4.1	4.3	0.1	-0.1
State	20.3	20.4	19.6	-0.1	0.7
Hospitals	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Education	10.9	10.8	10.2	0.1	0.7
Other State	7.7	7.9	7.7	-0.2	0.0
Local	41.0	41.3	40.5	-0.3	0.5
Hospitals	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Education	29.4	29.7	29.2	-0.3	0.2
Other Local	7.4	7.4	7.1	0.0	0.3

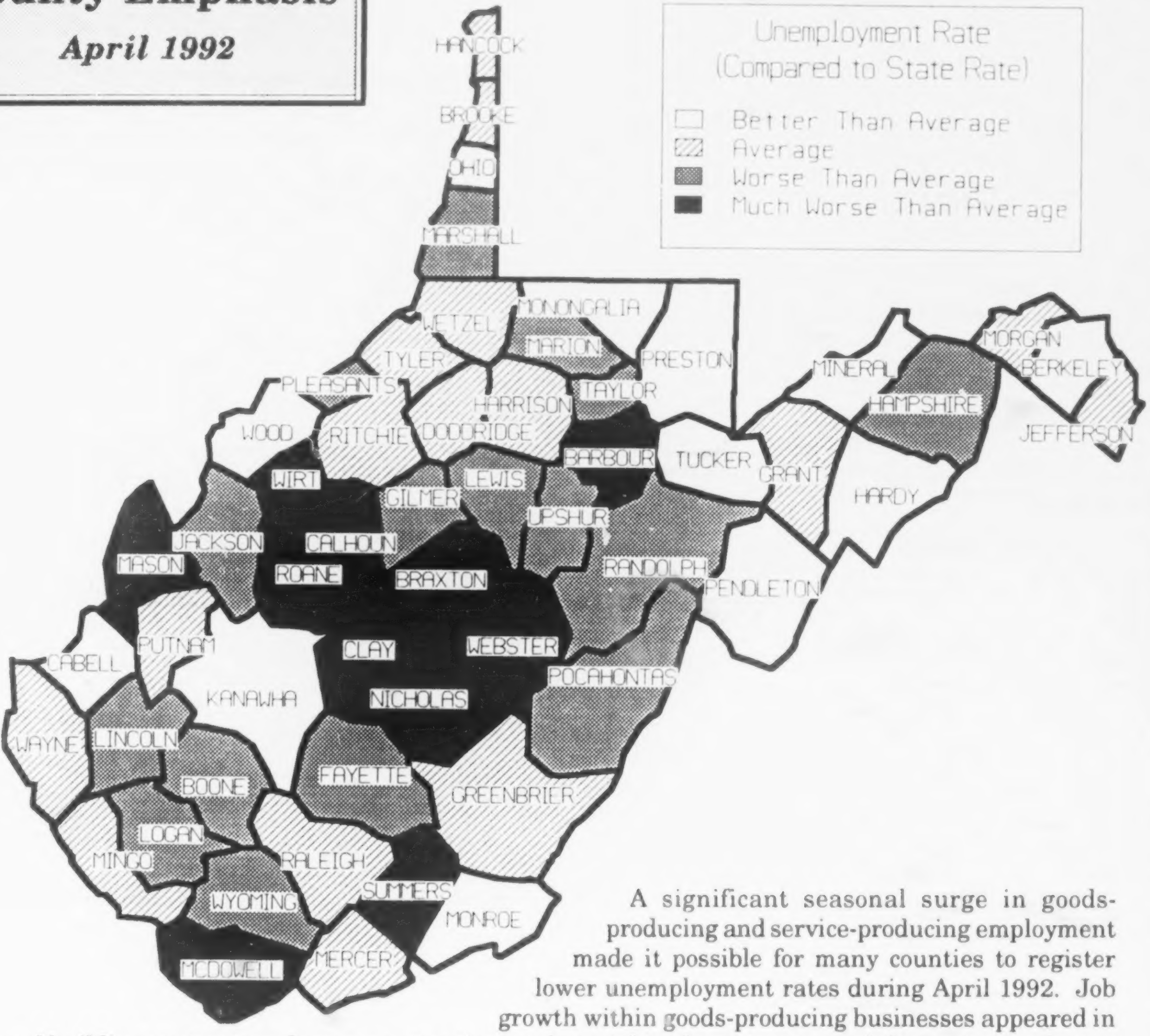
Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr.'92	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	*Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	*Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	$365.10	$356.53	$360.00	35.9	35.3	36.0	$10.17	$10.10	$10.00
Mining	767.18	753.80	757.33	44.5	43.8	43.6	17.24	17.21	17.37
Coal Mining	817.65	799.04	806.88	45.0	44.0	43.9	18.17	18.16	18.38
Oil & Gas Extraction	468.29	484.76	443.15	40.3	42.3	41.3	11.62	11.46	10.73
Other Mining	509.20	442.37	514.13	47.5	42.7	45.7	10.72	10.36	11.25
Construction	531.42	489.60	560.96	36.7	34.0	39.7	14.48	14.40	14.13
Manufacturing	497.35	485.58	473.04	40.8	40.6	40.5	12.19	11.96	11.68
Durable Goods	500.11	494.36	475.83	41.4	41.3	40.6	12.08	11.97	11.72
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	313.96	311.48	296.27	40.2	40.4	40.2	7.81	7.71	7.37
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	472.06	444.53	468.25	40.8	39.2	38.1	11.57	11.34	12.29
Primary Metals Industries	674.08	660.98	611.06	43.8	43.6	42.2	15.39	15.16	14.48
Fabricated Metal Products	462.58	459.31	422.58	40.4	40.9	39.2	11.45	11.23	10.78
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	500.91	503.36	477.90	41.5	41.6	40.5	12.07	12.10	11.80
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	567.67	593.97	580.25	43.4	43.9	44.6	13.08	13.53	13.01
Transportation Equipment	505.94	512.37	515.00	41.0	40.6	44.9	12.34	12.62	11.47
Nondurable Goods	494.83	474.81	468.29	40.1	39.7	40.3	12.34	11.96	11.62
Food & Kindred Products	378.49	371.33	373.07	39.1	38.6	38.5	9.68	9.62	9.69
Textile Mill Products	242.96	265.18	245.75	32.7	38.1	36.9	7.43	6.96	6.66
Apparel & Other Textile Products	208.82	216.00	212.53	36.7	37.5	35.9	5.69	5.76	5.92
Paper & Allied Products	387.54	357.06	313.33	43.3	40.3	41.5	8.95	8.86	7.55
Printing & Publishing	328.66	310.94	348.07	33.4	32.8	36.6	9.84	9.48	9.51
Chemicals & Allied Products	797.07	746.71	710.03	46.1	44.5	44.6	17.29	16.78	15.92
Transportation & Public Utilities	504.71	494.48	515.84	41.1	40.3	41.6	12.28	12.27	12.40
Trucking & Warehousing	419.08	396.02	412.55	44.3	42.4	42.4	9.46	9.34	9.73
Communications	501.20	487.15	508.82	35.8	36.3	39.2	14.00	13.42	12.98
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	652.75	651.29	677.38	43.2	42.1	44.1	15.11	15.47	15.36
Trade	241.39	238.64	238.93	32.1	31.4	31.9	7.52	7.60	7.49
Wholesale Trade	467.41	463.85	449.92	41.4	40.3	40.1	11.29	11.51	11.22
Retail Trade	185.65	182.21	185.06	29.8	29.2	29.8	6.23	6.24	6.21
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	275.49	259.31	277.03	40.1	37.8	40.8	6.87	6.86	6.79
General Merchandise Stores	197.28	189.28	196.91	29.8	29.3	29.0	6.62	6.46	6.79
Food Stores	193.30	183.82	182.90	29.2	27.6	28.4	6.62	6.66	6.44
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	257.87	268.92	277.49	34.2	36.0	36.9	7.54	7.47	7.52
Apparel & Accessory Stores	146.06	143.92	142.84	27.2	26.9	26.8	5.37	5.35	5.33
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	280.91	290.11	293.04	36.2	36.4	36.0	7.76	7.97	8.14
Eating & Drinking Places	130.25	125.87	126.14	26.8	25.9	26.5	4.86	4.86	4.76
Miscellaneous Retail	191.77	190.22	193.37	30.2	29.4	30.5	6.35	6.47	6.34
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	324.49	315.98	307.80	37.6	37.0	36.0	8.63	8.54	8.55
Finance	270.03	268.63	249.22	37.4	36.9	35.2	7.22	7.28	7.08
Insurance	473.22	454.96	458.88	39.6	38.2	38.4	11.95	11.91	11.95
Real Estate	306.87	286.84	300.19	35.6	35.9	35.4	8.62	7.99	8.48
Services	293.78	287.80	280.36	34.2	33.7	34.4	8.59	8.54	8.15
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	240.30	234.63	254.62	30.0	29.7	30.9	8.01	7.90	8.24
Personal Services	240.77	221.33	221.33	34.2	32.5	34.8	7.04	6.81	6.36
Business Services	231.98	228.87	238.93	32.4	32.1	33.7	7.16	7.13	7.09
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	351.52	332.35	325.65	39.9	38.6	39.0	8.81	8.61	8.35
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	180.24	165.76	159.07	28.7	25.9	26.6	6.28	6.40	5.98
Health Services	336.72	333.04	321.53	36.8	36.8	37.3	9.15	9.05	8.62
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	200.31	194.72	195.39	34.3	33.4	34.4	5.84	5.83	5.68
Hospitals	406.07	396.92	384.33	38.6	38.8	38.9	10.52	10.23	9.88
Other Health Services	300.26	306.92	293.10	35.2	35.4	36.5	8.53	8.67	8.03
Legal Services	429.26	424.15	395.96	39.6	38.7	38.0	10.84	10.96	10.42
Social Services	212.28	204.10	184.49	30.9	30.6	30.8	6.87	6.67	5.99
Engineering & Management Services	481.92	477.20	414.47	40.6	39.8	38.2	11.87	11.99	10.85

The above figures represent the hours and earnings of more than 400,000 private sector production and nonsupervisory workers in West Virginia. Comparable totals for the United States appear at the bottom of page 3. Additional industry detail for the United States and for other states is available upon request.

County Emphasis

April 1992


Unemployment Rate
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A significant seasonal surge in goods-producing and service-producing employment made it possible for many counties to register lower unemployment rates during April 1992. Job growth within goods-producing businesses appeared in general building contractors, heavy construction, and special trade contractors, while service-producing gains materialized in amusements, restaurants, and retail trade. Absorbing the benefits of this seasonal employment expansion likewise enabled a number of counties to produce unemployment rates considered better than average. Counties within this group are Berkeley (7.2), Preston (7.1), Tucker (7.1), Mineral (6.9), Wood (6.8), Cabell (6.6), Kanawha (6.1), Ohio (5.7), Monroe (5.4), Hardy (4.9), Monongalia (4.2), and Pendleton (3.5).

Although a majority of counties observed declining unemployment rates during the month, several continue to struggle through the remainder of a recessionary economy and record rates considered much worse than average when compared to the state rate. Included in this group are Calhoun (19.9), Roane (16.0), Barbour (15.9), Wirt (15.4), Braxton (15.0), Webster (14.4), McDowell (14.0), Clay (13.7), Nicholas (13.5), Mason (13.0), and Summers (13.0).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

April 1992

(Revised March 1992 in parentheses)

These Labor Force Statistics Were Designed To Be Used For Economic Analysis

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,350	(4,350)	3,660	(3,600)	690	(750)	15.9	(17.3)
Berkeley	30,230	(29,910)	28,060	(27,620)	2,170	(2,290)	7.2	(7.6)
Boone	8,470	(8,440)	7,620	(7,530)	850	(910)	10.0	(10.8)
Braxton	5,210	(5,230)	4,430	(4,370)	780	(860)	15.0	(16.4)
Brooke	9,920	(9,760)	9,060	(8,900)	850	(860)	8.6	(8.8)
Cabell	43,330	(43,150)	40,470	(39,990)	2,860	(3,160)	6.6	(7.3)
Calhoun	2,860	(2,790)	2,290	(2,240)	570	(550)	19.9	(19.7)
Clay	3,160	(3,150)	2,720	(2,640)	430	(520)	13.7	(16.4)
Doddridge	2,400	(2,440)	2,210	(2,200)	190	(240)	7.8	(9.8)
Fayette	17,100	(17,240)	15,410	(15,340)	1,690	(1,900)	9.9	(11.0)
Gilmer	3,290	(2,960)	2,970	(2,670)	330	(300)	9.9	(10.0)
Grant	4,730	(4,610)	4,380	(4,210)	350	(410)	7.4	(8.8)
Greenbrier	15,010	(15,000)	13,660	(13,310)	1,340	(1,690)	8.9	(11.2)
Hampshire	6,960	(6,860)	6,260	(6,040)	700	(820)	10.1	(11.9)
Hancock	13,120	(12,870)	12,140	(11,920)	980	(950)	7.5	(7.4)
Hardy	5,720	(5,620)	5,440	(5,310)	280	(310)	4.9	(5.5)
Harrison	29,760	(29,610)	27,100	(26,990)	2,660	(2,630)	8.9	(8.9)
Jackson	9,570	(9,630)	8,490	(8,360)	1,090	(1,270)	11.4	(13.2)
Jefferson	18,160	(17,540)	16,650	(15,770)	1,510	(1,770)	8.3	(10.1)
Kanawha	97,870	(97,220)	91,910	(91,050)	5,950	(6,170)	6.1	(6.3)
Lewis	7,340	(7,350)	6,620	(6,510)	720	(840)	9.8	(11.4)
Lincoln	7,520	(7,560)	6,680	(6,620)	840	(940)	11.1	(12.4)
Logan	12,970	(12,920)	11,740	(11,660)	1,230	(1,260)	9.5	(9.7)
McDowell	6,580	(6,520)	5,660	(5,680)	920	(850)	14.0	(13.0)
Marion	22,370	(22,270)	19,820	(19,810)	2,550	(2,460)	11.4	(11.0)
Marshall	14,660	(14,440)	13,110	(12,920)	1,550	(1,520)	10.6	(10.5)
Mason	9,250	(9,230)	8,050	(8,000)	1,200	(1,230)	13.0	(13.3)
Mercer	26,540	(26,370)	24,500	(24,300)	2,040	(2,060)	7.7	(7.8)
Mineral	10,690	(10,570)	9,950	(9,860)	740	(700)	6.9	(6.7)
Mingo	11,680	(11,630)	10,750	(10,720)	940	(910)	8.0	(7.9)
Monongalia	41,090	(41,120)	39,350	(39,390)	1,730	(1,720)	4.2	(4.2)
Monroe	5,090	(5,060)	4,810	(4,690)	270	(370)	5.4	(7.3)
Morgan	5,220	(5,190)	4,830	(4,740)	390	(440)	7.5	(8.6)
Nicholas	8,880	(8,850)	7,680	(7,590)	1,200	(1,260)	13.5	(14.3)
Ohio	23,550	(23,280)	22,210	(21,900)	1,340	(1,380)	5.7	(5.9)
Pendleton	3,890	(3,870)	3,750	(3,680)	140	(190)	3.5	(5.0)
Pleasants	2,130	(2,130)	1,870	(1,850)	260	(280)	12.3	(13.0)
Pocahontas	4,750	(4,950)	4,210	(4,540)	540	(410)	11.4	(8.3)
Preston	13,200	(13,450)	12,260	(12,270)	940	(1,180)	7.1	(8.8)
Putnam	16,910	(16,840)	15,420	(15,270)	1,490	(1,570)	8.8	(9.3)
Raleigh	28,330	(28,120)	25,770	(25,450)	2,560	(2,670)	9.0	(9.5)
Randolph	11,920	(11,760)	10,750	(10,580)	1,170	(1,170)	9.8	(10.0)
Ritchie	5,220	(5,170)	4,740	(4,650)	480	(520)	9.1	(10.0)
Roane	5,030	(4,970)	4,230	(4,110)	800	(870)	16.0	(17.5)
Summers	4,220	(4,120)	3,680	(3,580)	550	(540)	13.0	(13.2)
Taylor	5,870	(5,830)	5,310	(5,290)	560	(540)	9.6	(9.3)
Tucker	3,840	(4,040)	3,570	(3,650)	270	(390)	7.1	(9.6)
Tyler	4,700	(4,660)	4,340	(4,330)	360	(330)	7.6	(7.1)
Upshur	8,130	(8,230)	7,210	(7,180)	930	(1,050)	11.4	(12.7)
Wayne	15,810	(15,880)	14,520	(14,350)	1,290	(1,540)	8.2	(9.7)
Webster	2,940	(2,890)	2,520	(2,490)	420	(400)	14.4	(14.0)
Wetzel	9,230	(9,240)	8,480	(8,470)	750	(770)	8.1	(8.3)
Wirt	1,850	(1,990)	1,570	(1,750)	290	(240)	15.4	(12.0)
Wood	40,770	(40,520)	38,010	(37,430)	2,770	(3,090)	6.8	(7.6)
Wyoming	6,650	(6,580)	5,900	(5,840)	750	(740)	11.3	(11.3)
Statewide	740,000	(736,000)	678,800	(671,200)	61,200	(64,800)	8.3	(8.8)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

April 1992

(Revised March 1992 in parentheses)

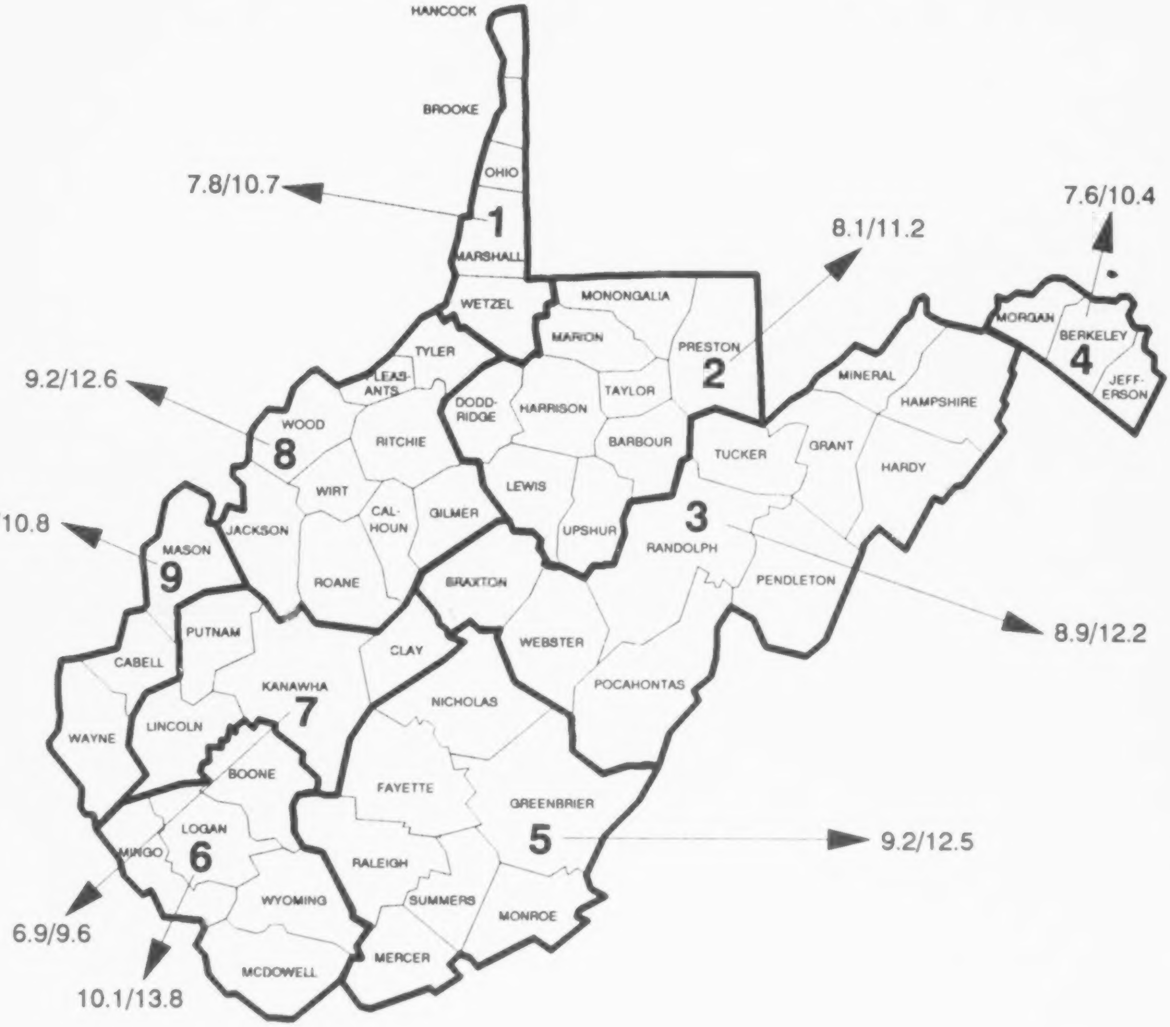
Approved by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to Allocate Federal Funds and Determine Eligibility for Federal Assistance Programs

County	***Civilian Labor Force***		***Employment***		***Unemployment***		***Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force***	
Barbour	4,700	(4,820)	3,710	(3,650)	990	(1,170)	21.1	(24.2)
Berkeley	31,580	(31,570)	28,460	(28,010)	3,130	(3,560)	9.9	(11.3)
Boone	8,950	(9,050)	7,730	(7,640)	1,220	(1,410)	13.6	(15.6)
Braxton	5,620	(5,770)	4,490	(4,430)	1,130	(1,330)	20.1	(23.1)
Brooke	10,420	(10,370)	9,190	(9,020)	1,230	(1,340)	11.8	(12.9)
Cabell	45,160	(45,470)	41,040	(40,560)	4,120	(4,910)	9.1	(10.8)
Calhoun	3,150	(3,130)	2,330	(2,280)	820	(860)	26.1	(27.3)
Clay	3,390	(3,480)	2,760	(2,680)	630	(800)	18.5	(23.1)
Doddridge	2,510	(2,610)	2,240	(2,230)	270	(370)	10.6	(14.3)
Fayette	18,060	(18,520)	15,620	(15,560)	2,440	(2,960)	13.5	(16.0)
Gilmer	3,480	(3,160)	3,010	(2,710)	470	(460)	13.5	(14.5)
Grant	4,950	(4,900)	4,450	(4,270)	500	(640)	10.1	(13.0)
Greenbrier	15,790	(16,130)	13,860	(13,500)	1,930	(2,620)	12.2	(16.3)
Hampshire	7,350	(7,400)	6,340	(6,130)	1,010	(1,270)	13.7	(17.2)
Hancock	13,720	(13,570)	12,310	(12,090)	1,410	(1,480)	10.3	(10.9)
Hardy	5,920	(5,870)	5,520	(5,390)	400	(480)	6.8	(8.2)
Harrison	31,310	(31,460)	27,480	(27,370)	3,830	(4,090)	12.2	(13.0)
Jackson	10,170	(10,450)	8,610	(8,480)	1,560	(1,970)	15.4	(18.9)
Jefferson	19,060	(18,750)	16,890	(15,990)	2,170	(2,760)	11.4	(14.7)
Kanawha	101,780	(101,940)	93,220	(92,340)	8,570	(9,600)	8.4	(9.4)
Lewis	7,750	(7,900)	6,720	(6,600)	1,030	(1,300)	13.3	(16.4)
Lincoln	7,980	(8,180)	6,770	(6,720)	1,210	(1,460)	15.1	(17.9)
Logan	13,670	(13,780)	11,900	(11,830)	1,770	(1,950)	13.0	(14.2)
McDowell	7,070	(7,070)	5,740	(5,760)	1,320	(1,320)	18.7	(18.6)
Marion	23,770	(23,910)	20,100	(20,090)	3,670	(3,820)	15.4	(16.0)
Marshall	15,530	(15,470)	13,300	(13,110)	2,230	(2,360)	14.4	(15.2)
Mason	9,890	(10,030)	8,160	(8,120)	1,730	(1,910)	17.5	(19.1)
Mercer	27,780	(27,860)	24,850	(24,650)	2,930	(3,210)	10.5	(11.5)
Mineral	11,150	(11,100)	10,090	(10,000)	1,060	(1,100)	9.5	(9.9)
Mingo	12,250	(12,290)	10,900	(10,870)	1,350	(1,420)	11.0	(11.5)
Monongalia	42,410	(42,630)	39,910	(39,950)	2,500	(2,680)	5.9	(6.3)
Monroe	5,280	(5,330)	4,880	(4,760)	390	(570)	7.5	(10.7)
Morgan	5,460	(5,500)	4,900	(4,810)	560	(690)	10.3	(12.5)
Nicholas	9,520	(9,660)	7,790	(7,700)	1,730	(1,970)	18.2	(20.3)
Ohio	24,450	(24,360)	22,530	(22,210)	1,930	(2,150)	7.9	(8.8)
Pendleton	4,000	(4,030)	3,800	(3,730)	200	(300)	4.9	(7.4)
Pleasants	2,270	(2,310)	1,890	(1,880)	380	(430)	16.6	(18.6)
Pocahontas	5,050	(5,240)	4,270	(4,600)	780	(640)	15.5	(12.2)
Preston	13,790	(14,280)	12,430	(12,450)	1,350	(1,830)	9.8	(12.8)
Putnam	17,780	(17,930)	15,640	(15,490)	2,140	(2,440)	12.0	(13.6)
Raleigh	29,820	(29,960)	26,140	(25,810)	3,680	(4,150)	12.4	(13.8)
Randolph	12,580	(12,560)	10,900	(10,740)	1,680	(1,830)	13.4	(14.5)
Ritchie	5,490	(5,520)	4,810	(4,720)	690	(810)	12.5	(14.6)
Roane	5,440	(5,510)	4,290	(4,160)	1,160	(1,350)	21.2	(24.5)
Summers	4,520	(4,470)	3,730	(3,630)	790	(850)	17.4	(18.9)
Taylor	6,190	(6,210)	5,390	(5,360)	810	(840)	13.0	(13.6)
Tucker	4,010	(4,300)	3,620	(3,700)	390	(600)	9.8	(14.0)
Tyler	4,920	(4,910)	4,400	(4,390)	520	(520)	10.5	(10.5)
Upshur	8,640	(8,910)	7,310	(7,280)	1,330	(1,630)	15.4	(18.3)
Wayne	16,580	(16,940)	14,720	(14,550)	1,860	(2,390)	11.2	(14.1)
Webster	3,170	(3,150)	2,560	(2,520)	610	(630)	19.3	(19.9)
Wetzel	9,690	(9,790)	8,600	(8,590)	1,080	(1,200)	11.2	(12.3)
Wirt	2,000	(2,150)	1,590	(1,780)	410	(370)	20.5	(17.3)
Wood	42,530	(42,760)	38,550	(37,960)	3,980	(4,800)	9.4	(11.2)
Wyoming	7,070	(7,070)	5,990	(5,920)	1,080	(1,150)	15.3	(16.3)
Statewide	776,500	(781,500)	688,400	(680,700)	88,100	(100,700)	11.3	(12.9)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

Partnership for Progress Area Unemployment Rates

WV Series / BLS Series ***April 1992***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Seasonal improvement in nonfarm payroll employment, spurred on primarily by the construction and tourist industries, permitted all Partnership for Progress Areas except one to post lower West Virginia Series unemployment rates during April 1992. Only Area 6 remained unchanged for the month but did, however, manage to avoid an expansion of its rate. A moderate retreat in the number of mining jobs statewide provides evidence of the lack of economic vitality yet to be found in this particularly sector, an industry that Area 6 depends on to a great degree. During the thirty-day period the lowest unemployment rate was posted by Area 7 (6.9), while the highest rate was registered by Area 6 (10.1). The greatest declines in the unemployment rate occurred in Area 4 (-1.0), Area 9 (-0.9), Area 5 (-0.8), Area 8 (-0.7), Area 7 (-0.5) and Area 3 (-0.5).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	114.8	114.1	113.8
Employment	107.3	106.3	107.1
Unemployment	7.4	7.7	6.7
Rate (%)	6.5	6.8	5.9
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	126.6	126.7	127.3
Employment	119.2	118.0	119.1
Unemployment	7.4	8.7	8.2
Rate (%)	5.8	6.8	6.5
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	69.3	69.1	68.8
Employment	65.2	64.3	65.0
Unemployment	4.1	4.8	3.9
Rate (%)	6.0	7.0	5.6
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	67.6	67.1	68.1
Employment	63.3	62.5	64.2
Unemployment	4.4	4.7	3.9
Rate (%)	6.5	6.9	5.7
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	38.0	37.9	37.1
Employment	34.6	34.5	34.2
Unemployment	3.4	3.4	2.8
Rate (%)	9.0	9.0	7.7
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.8	11.7	11.6
Employment	10.2	10.1	10.1
Unemployment	1.6	1.7	1.5
Rate (%)	13.7	14.2	13.0
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	54.3	54.6	52.3
Employment	51.6	51.7	50.0
Unemployment	2.7	2.9	2.3
Rate (%)	4.9	5.3	4.4
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	13.9	13.9	14.2
Employment	12.8	12.8	13.1
Unemployment	1.1	1.1	1.1
Rate (%)	8.0	7.9	7.7
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.1	20.1	20.3
Employment	18.5	18.0	18.6
Unemployment	1.6	2.1	1.7
Rate (%)	8.0	10.2	8.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	119.6	119.9	119.8
Employment	108.9	107.8	110.5
Unemployment	10.7	12.0	9.3
Rate (%)	9.0	10.0	7.7
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	131.3	132.7	133.9
Employment	119.7	118.4	120.7
Unemployment	11.6	14.3	13.2
Rate (%)	8.8	10.8	9.8
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	73.1	74.0	72.9
Employment	66.6	66.0	67.2
Unemployment	6.5	7.9	5.7
Rate (%)	8.9	10.7	7.9
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	71.6	71.9	72.3
Employment	64.7	64.3	66.4
Unemployment	6.8	7.7	5.8
Rate (%)	9.6	10.7	8.1
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	40.0	40.3	39.3
Employment	35.1	35.0	35.3
Unemployment	4.9	5.3	4.0
Rate (%)	12.2	13.2	10.1
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.7	12.8	12.6
Employment	10.3	10.2	10.5
Unemployment	2.3	2.6	2.1
Rate (%)	18.4	20.2	16.7
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	56.2	56.9	54.8
Employment	52.3	52.4	51.6
Unemployment	3.8	4.5	3.2
Rate (%)	6.8	7.9	5.8
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.6	14.7	15.1
Employment	13.0	13.0	13.5
Unemployment	1.6	1.7	1.5
Rate (%)	11.0	11.7	10.1
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.1	21.5	21.6
Employment	18.7	18.3	19.2
Unemployment	2.3	3.2	2.4
Rate (%)	11.0	14.9	11.0

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment advanced seasonally (+700) during April 1992 in the Charleston MSA. The goods-producing sector posted job gains of 700, entirely in construction (+700). Manufacturing fell slightly (-100), while mining increased by 100 jobs. The local service-producing sector remained unchanged as the advance in services (+200) was offset by slight declines in finance, insurance and real estate (-100) and government (-100). Comparison with year-ago April 1991 reveals an increase of 1,200 jobs. The MSA goods-producing sector fell by 100, during this period. However, the actual decline was 400 jobs, reflecting 300 workers involved in a labor-management dispute in the local chemical industry from a year ago. In the service-producing sector (+1,300) job gains were noted in services (+1,400) and total government (+300). Declines occurred in finance, insurance and real estate (-300) and transportation and public utilities (-100).

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment declined by 300 during April 1992, with the corresponding unemployment rate dropping to 6.5 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with April 1991 indicates an increase of 700 unemployed over the year, with the unemployment rate increasing from 5.9 percent to the current 6.5 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Labor Force	114.8	114.1	113.8
Employment	107.3	106.3	107.1
Unemployment	7.4	7.7	6.7
Rate (%)	6.5	6.8	5.9

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Labor Force	119.6	119.9	119.8
Employment	108.9	107.8	110.5
Unemployment	10.7	12.0	9.3
Rate (%)	9.0	10.0	7.7

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Apr.'92	*Revised Mar.'92*	*Revised Apr.'91*	*Mar. 1992*	*Apr. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	111.6	110.9	110.4	0.7	1.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	91.8	91.0	90.9	0.8	0.9
GOODS-PRODUCING	17.4	16.7	17.5	0.7	-0.1
Mining	2.2	2.1	2.4	0.1	-0.2
Construction	4.8	4.1	4.9	0.7	-0.1
Manufacturing	10.4	10.5	10.2	-0.1	0.2
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.6	0.0	0.3
Nondurable Goods	8.5	8.6	8.6	-0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.1	7.2	7.2	-0.1	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	94.2	94.2	92.9	0.0	1.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.6	8.6	8.7	0.0	-0.1
Trade	27.9	27.9	27.9	0.0	0.0
Wholesale Trade	7.1	7.1	7.2	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	20.8	20.8	20.7	0.0	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.3	6.4	6.6	-0.1	-0.3
Services	31.6	31.4	30.2	0.2	1.4
Health Services	11.7	11.7	11.2	0.0	0.5
Government	19.8	19.9	19.5	-0.1	0.3
Federal	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.0	0.1
State	9.2	9.3	8.9	-0.1	0.3
Local	8.5	8.5	8.6	0.0	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	-0.3

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr.'92	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	*Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	*Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*
Manufacturing	$645.02	$644.67	$614.95	44.7	43.5	43.8	$14.43	$14.82	$14.04
Nondurable Goods	681.77	678.97	660.80	43.9	43.0	44.8	15.53	15.79	14.75
Chemicals & Allied Products	801.74	791.20	750.67	47.3	46.0	46.8	16.95	17.20	16.04

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

Employment:Total nonfarm payroll employment grew by 900 in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA during April 1992. The goods-producing sector added 300 jobs, while the service-producing industries advanced by 600. Construction added 200 jobs and manufacturing advanced by 100 to account for the growth in the goods-producing industries. In the service-producing sector the service industries gained 600 jobs in the service producing sector.Comparison with a year-ago April 1991 shows a 500 job increase over the year. The goods-producing industries increased 100, while the service sector advanced by 400 jobs.

Unemployment: Unemployment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA decreased by 1300 to a level of 7400 jobless. The unemployment rate fell from 6.8 to 5.8 percent of the civilan labor force. April 1992 unemployment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA was 800 below the level for the same period in 1991.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Labor Force	126.6	126.7	127.3
Employment	119.2	118.0	119.1
Unemployment	7.4	8.7	8.2
Rate (%)	5.8	6.8	6.5

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Labor Force	131.3	132.7	133.9
Employment	119.7	118.4	120.7
Unemployment	11.6	14.3	13.2
Rate (%)	8.8	10.8	9.8

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Apr.'92	*Revised Mar.'92*	*Revised Apr.'91*	*Change From: Mar. 1992*	*Apr. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	110.9	110.0	110.4	0.9	0.5
PRIVATE SECTOR	91.0	90.1	90.4	0.9	0.6
GOODS-PRODUCING	25.7	25.4	25.6	0.3	0.1
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Construction	4.5	4.3	4.6	0.2	-0.1
Manufacturing	19.6	19.5	19.4	0.1	0.2
Durable Goods	11.4	11.2	11.3	0.2	0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.3	1.4	0.1	0.0
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.2	7.2	7.4	0.0	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.8	2.7	2.5	0.1	0.3
Nondurable Goods	8.2	8.3	8.1	-0.1	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.2	4.3	4.2	-0.1	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	85.2	84.6	84.8	0.6	0.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.2	7.2	8.0	0.0	-0.8
Trade	27.6	27.6	27.4	0.0	0.2
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.5	5.5	-0.1	-0.1
Retail Trade	22.2	22.1	21.9	0.1	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.0	-0.1
Services	26.7	26.1	25.5	0.6	1.2
Health Services	11.1	11.0	10.6	0.1	0.5
Government	19.9	19.9	20.0	0.0	-0.1
Federal	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
State	5.0	5.1	5.2	-0.1	-0.2
Local	11.9	11.8	11.9	0.1	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr.'92	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	*Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	*Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*
Manufacturing	$580.18	$570.35	$513.32	41.8	41.3	37.8	$13.88	$13.81	$13.58
Durable Goods	593.05	574.23	513.86	40.9	40.1	36.6	14.50	14.32	14.04
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	628.74	466.49	576.40	49.9	38.3	44.0	12.60	12.18	13.10
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	633.52	650.31	537.14	39.3	40.9	34.3	16.12	15.90	15.66
Nondurable Goods	560.30	563.30	512.82	43.1	43.0	39.6	13.00	13.10	12.95

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA gained 700 during April 1992. Goods-producing posted 400 new jobs with advances occurring in construction (+200) and manufacturing (+300), whereas a moderate retreat was observed in mining (-100). Similarly, service-producing businesses created 300 additional jobs for the thirty day period. Mild increases appeared in finance, insurance, and real estate (+100), services (+100), and government (+100). Year ago comparisons reveal an increase of 400 in total nonfarm payroll employment in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. During this period however, goods-producing employment declined 400. Losses were sustained in mining (-100), and construction (-300) while manufacturing remained unchanged. The service-producing sector, by comparison, realized an expansion of 800 jobs within this time frame. Improvements were recorded in trade (+300), services (+400), and government (+100).

Unemployment: Total unemployment improved 700 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA during April 1992. The unemployment rate reflected this change by decreasing from 7.0 to 6.0 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparing the current unemployment rate to April 1991 indicates an increase from 5.6 to 6.0 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Labor Force	69.3	69.1	68.8
Employment	65.2	64.3	65.0
Unemployment	4.1	4.8	3.9
Rate (%)	6.0	7.0	5.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Labor Force	73.1	74.0	72.9
Employment	66.6	66.0	67.2
Unemployment	6.5	7.9	5.7
Rate (%)	8.9	10.7	7.9

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Apr.'92	*Revised Mar.'92*	*Revised Apr.'91*	*Change From: Mar. 1992*	*Apr. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	61[illegible]	60.7	61.0	0.7	0.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	51.2	50.6	50.9	0.6	0.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	16.6	16.2	17.0	0.4	-0.4
Mining	0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.1
Construction	2.5	2.3	2.8	0.2	-0.3
Manufacturing	13.8	13.5	13.8	0.3	0.0
Durable Goods	6.8	6.6	6.7	0.2	0.1
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.0	-0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.9	2.8	2.7	0.1	0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.4	1.3	1.4	0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	7.0	6.9	7.1	0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.2	5.1	5.4	0.1	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	44.8	44.5	44.0	0.3	0.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0
Trade	14.6	14.6	14.3	0.0	0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	11.7	11.7	11.5	0.0	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.3	2.2	2.3	0.1	0.0
Services	15.1	15.0	14.7	0.1	0.4
Health Services	4.8	4.8	4.7	0.0	0.1
Government	10.2	10.1	10.1	0.1	0.1
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
State	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-0.1
Local	7.2	7.1	7.0	0.1	0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr.'92	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	*Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	*Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*
Manufacturing	$590.80	$575.91	$562.38	40.3	40.5	40.9	$14.66	$14.22	$13.75
Durable Goods	454.67	465.26	473.39	36.2	37.4	38.3	12.56	12.44	12.36
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	522.00	561.04	544.33	40.0	42.6	41.3	13.05	13.17	13.18
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	455.46	447.11	471.84	33.1	32.9	35.8	13.76	13.59	13.18
Nondurable Goods	767.30	714.40	668.56	45.7	44.4	44.1	16.79	16.09	15.16

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 400 during April 1992 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area. The majority of this increase took place in the service-producing sector (+300). The goods-producing sector also had a slight increase (+100). Government, services, and FIRE all increased by 100 while TPU and trade remained stable in the service-producing sector. In the goods-producing sector, construction had a seasonal increase of 200 while manufacturing decreased by 100 and mining remained stable. Comparison with year-ago April 1991 figures indicates a decline of 700 jobs in nonfarm payroll. A severe decrease was seen in the goods-producing sector (-600). The decrease was particularly heavy in manufacturing (-500). The service -producing sector decreased by 100. Services (+600), TPU (+100) and FIRE (+100) all had increases while decreases were seen in trade (-500), and government (-400). No labor-management disputes were recorded for April 1992.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Resident-based total unemployment decreased by 300 during April 1992 in the MSA, with the corresponding unemployment rate decreasing to 6.5 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data indicates an increase of 500 unemployed over the year with the unemployment rate advancing from 5.7 percent to the current 6.5 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Labor Force	67.6	67.1	68.1
Employment	63.3	62.5	64.2
Unemployment	4.4	4.7	3.9
Rate (%)	6.5	6.9	5.7

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Apr. '92	*Revised Mar. '92*	*Revised Apr. '91*
Labor Force	71.6	71.9	72.3
Employment	64.7	64.3	66.4
Unemployment	6.8	7.7	5.8
Rate (%)	9.6	10.7	8.1

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

				Change From:	
	Prelim. Apr.'92	*Revised Mar.'92*	*Revised Apr.'91*	*Mar. 1992*	*Apr. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	58.8	58.4	59.5	0.4	-0.7
PRIVATE SECTOR	49.6	49.3	49.9	0.3	-0.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	10.3	10.2	10.9	0.1	-0.6
Mining	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1
Construction	1.6	1.4	1.6	0.2	0.0
Manufacturing	6.8	6.9	7.3	-0.1	-0.5
Durable Goods	2.6	2.7	2.8	-0.1	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	4.2	4.2	4.5	0.0	-0.3
SERVICE-PRODUCING	48.5	48.2	48.6	0.3	-0.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.1
Trade	14.8	14.8	15.3	0.0	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	12.1	12.1	12.6	0.0	-0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.2	3.1	3.1	0.1	0.1
Services	18.0	17.9	17.4	0.1	0.6
Health Services	8.0	7.9	7.7	0.1	0.3
Government	9.2	9.1	9.6	0.1	-0.4
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1
Local	6.6	6.5	6.9	0.1	-0.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr.'92	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	*Apr '92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*	*Apr.'92*	*Mar.'92*	*Apr.'91*
Manufacturing	$640.76	$560.11	$623.07	41.5	39.5	43.0	$15.44	$14.18	$14.49
Nondurable Goods	735.74	625.40	666.43	45.5	42.4	43.7	16.17	14.75	15.25
Durable Goods	523.75	479.98	568.86	36.6	35.9	42.2	14.31	13.37	13.48

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

		NONFARM JOB OPENINGS		*UNFILLED*		*FILLED*		
Occupational Category	*Applicants Available Program Year to Date*	*Active File*	*Received Program Year to Date*	*Total*	*30 Days or More*	*Total*	*Applicant / Openings Program Year to Date*	*Active File / Unfilled Openings End of Month*
TOTAL	174,675	71,507	30,868	2,684	1,564	21,969	5.7	26.6
Professional, Technical & Managerial	18,404	7,244	1,203	195	110	472	15.3	37.1
Clerical & Sales	46,346	16,295	7,175	808	513	4,364	6.5	20.2
Services	21,636	7,585	6,201	552	271	4,243	3.5	13.7
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,732	799	158	37	31	53	11.0	21.6
Processing	9,730	4,502	782	152	129	647	12.4	29.6
Machine Trades	11,941	5,359	1,118	95	51	690	10.7	56.4
Benchwork	6,942	2,986	762	92	78	461	9.1	32.5
Structural Work	30,344	14,380	1,942	224	96	1,114	15.6	64.2
Miscellaneous	35,565	14,122	11,527	529	285	9,925	3.1	26.7
Transportation	8,002	3,549	1,060	126	61	582	7.5	28.2
Packaging & Materials Handling	19,815	6,246	9,683	208	175	8,949	2.0	30.0
Other	7,748	4,327	784	195	49	394	9.9	22.2
Entry Total	20	1	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

				Percent Change:	
	Apr. 1992	*Mar. 1992*	*Apr. 1991*	*Mar. 1992*	*Apr. 1991*
Initial Claims	8,870	8,100	8,724	9.5	1.7
Weeks Claimed	103,757	131,515	122,623	-21.1	-15.4
Benefits Paid	$13,662,041	$17,258,881	$16,527,884	-20.8	-17.3
Weeks Compensated	89,140	113,553	105,398	-21.5	-15.4
Average Weekly Payment	$153.26	$151.99	$156.81	0.8	-2.3
Trust Fund Balance, End of Month	$130,221,493	$119,610,882	$125,534,604	-8.9	3.7

Workers' Compensation

Select Workers' Compensation Claims Activities

	Apr. 1992	*Mar. 1992*	*Apr. 1991*	*Percent Change: Mar. 1992*	*Apr. 1991*
Temporary Disability Benefits Paid	6,259,091	6,084,151	5,618,488	2.9	11.4
Medical Benefits Paid	6,952,892	10,005,748	7,020,281	-30.5	-1.0
Permanent Partial Disability Benefits Paid	5,587,950	4,255,235	6,851,700	31.3	-18.4
Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	10,209,447	7,880,248	6,428,740	29.6	58.8
Benefits to Dependents of Fatalities	1,683,213	1,609,873	1,674,033	4.6	0.5
Funeral Benefits Paid	20,871	38,500	24,500	-45.8	-14.8
Miscellaneous Benefits Paid*	334,862	192,351	528,764	74.1	-36.7
DWRF** Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	573,240	594,479	604,852	-3.6	-5.2
DWRF** Benefits Paid to Dependents of Fatalities	970,139	963,815	973,218	0.7	-0.3
Sum of All Benefits Paid	32,591,704	31,624,400	29,724,576	3.1	9.6

** Includes returned benefit checks, attorney fees and specified dependent benefits.*

*** Disabled Workers' Relief Fund provides benefits to meet the weekly minimum benefit payable for worker's injured prior to July 1, 1971.*

Select Job Training Partnership Act Characteristics

Performance Standard Report
July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991

Job Training Program	**Standard**	**Actual**
Entered Employment Rate - Adults	68	68
Average Wage at Placements Adults	4.95	4.81
Cost Per Entered Employment Adults	4,500	2,284
Entered Employment Rate - Welfare Recipients	56	58
Entered Employment Rate - Youth (Out of School Programs)	45	53
Positive Termination Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	75	85
Cost Per Positive Termination - Youth	4,900	2,101
Employability Enhancement Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	33	52

Characteristics	**Enrolled**	**Positive Outlook***
Adult	8,582	6,951
Female	5,406	4,379
Male	3,176	2,572
Youth	7,326	5,495
Female	3,882	2,912
Male	3,444	2,583
School Dropout	**	2,341
High School Graduate /Equivalent or above	**	6,355
Single Parent	**	2,777
Black	**	904
Hispanic	**	35
Handicapped	**	1,059
Unemployed	**	6,648
Welfare	**	2,841
Veterans	**	772

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Pages devoted to the Charleston, Huntington, Parkersburg and Wheeling Metropolitan Areas incorporate a new layout with much more detailed coverage of payroll employment, hours, and earnings. Average hours and earnings for production and nonsupervisory workers are now available for the entire private sector in these areas. See pages 13 - 16.

Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force in West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	*Prelim.* *May. '92*	*Revised* *Apr. '92*	*Revised* *May. '91*	*Change from:* *Apr.* *1992*	 *May.* *1991*
Civilian Labor Force	753.4	737.8	737.8	15.6	15.6
Total Employment	694.9	676.7	683.9	18.2	11.0
Total Unemployment	58.5	61.1	53.9	-2.6	4.6
Unemployment Rate	7.8	8.3	7.3	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*					
Civilian Labor Force	788.7	776.7	780.5	12.0	8.2
Total Employment	700.4	688.6	707.0	11.8	-6.6
Total Unemployment	88.3	88.1	73.5	0.2	14.8
Unemployment Rate	11.2	11.3	9.4	xx	xx

Employment: Total resident-based employment increased 18,200 during the month to an estimated 694,900 in mid-May. Employment in May 1992 exceeded that of May 1991 by 11,000. However, the total included 10,400 temporary poll workers who worked only a single day in the May primary election, which occurred this year during the reference week when employment was measured.

Nonfarm payroll employment stood at 645,700 in mid-May, a count of 15,800 more jobs than a month earlier. Again, election workers accounted for two-thirds of the increase.

Construction continued its spring seasonal upswing by adding 1,400 new payroll jobs over the month. Several mines experienced cutbacks, however, causing a loss of 200 jobs. Manufacturing remained flat over the same period.

In the service-producing sector, a combination of seasonal hirings and some economic growth boosted trade employment by 2,000. Seasonal improvements of 200 each occurred in trucking and utilities. The summer recreation season spurred a jump of 800 in amusements, while hospitals and other health services continued their long-term expansion trends by adding 200 apiece. The wind-up of the school year caused private education services to drop 500, mostly student workers, and the public education sector of state government lost 700 for the same reason. In addition to the extra election workers, seasonal expansions at parks and highways as well as nonseasonal additions of federal government employees contributed to the 11,000 increase in government over the month.

Unemployment: Unemployment contracted 2,600 to an estimated 58,500 in mid-May. This represents an unemployment rate of 7.8 percent, down noticeably from 8.3 in April but still higher than May 1991's 7.3 percent rate.

West Virginia Economic Indicators

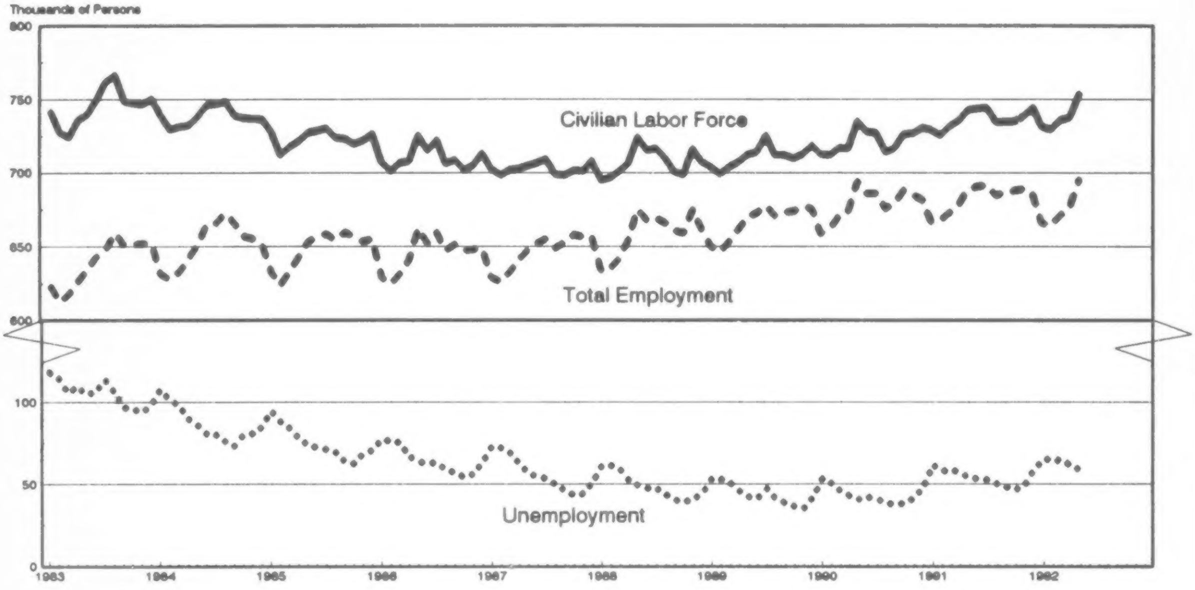
	May 1992	Apr. 1992	May 1991
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.9	40.8	40.5
Seasonally Adjusted	40.9	40.9	40.4
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,539	2,543	2,537
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$492.03	$498.17	$469.04
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	44.5	44.7	43.6
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$810.35	$813.99	$794.39
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	13,586	13,981	13,967
Seasonally Adjusted	12,517	13,659	12,868
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,076	1,116	1,081
Seasonally Adjusted	1,129	1,122	1,134
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	NA	4,299	6,758
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	981	1,240	1,001
Seasonally Adjusted	1,281	1,303	1,307
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,701	2,016	1,699
Seasonally Adjusted	2,521	2,322	2,518
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	3.7	4.3	3.8
Seasonally Adjusted	3.9	3.7	4.1
Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted			
WV Series	8.0	7.9	7.5
BLS Series	11.5	11.6	9.7

Selected National Data

	May 1992	Apr. 1992	May 1991
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	7.2	7.1	6.6
Seasonally Adjusted	7.5	7.2	6.8
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	139.7	139.5	135.6
1967 Base	418.6	417.9	406.3
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods Unadjusted, 1982 Base	123.1	122.2	121.8
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	341.3	366.5	366.6
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	3.0	3.3	3.0
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.2	3.3
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	$362.92	$360.47	$350.89
Average Weekly Hours	34.4	34.2	34.1
Average Hourly Earnings	$10.55	$10.54	$10.29

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Total Employment, Unemployment and Civilian Labor Force



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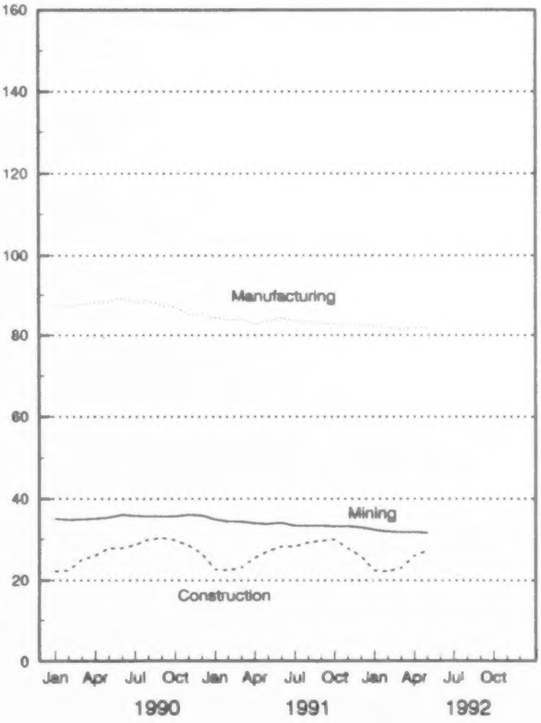

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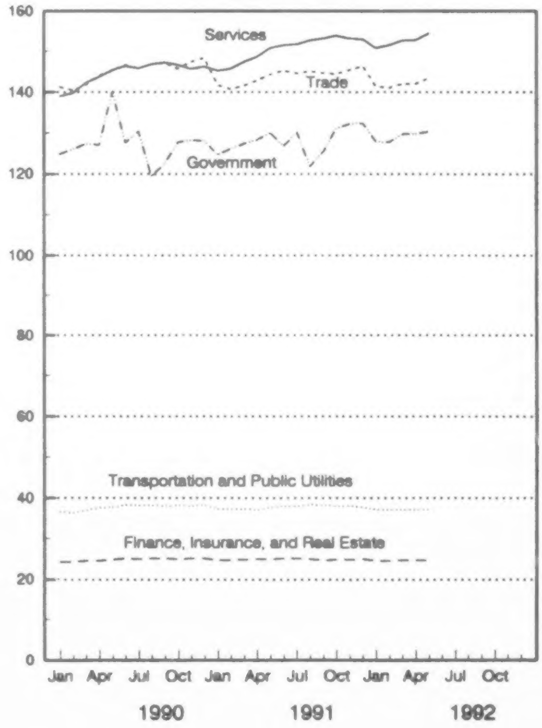


Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May.'92	*Revised Apr.'92*	*Revised May.'91*	*Change From:*	
				Apr. 1992	*May. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	645.7	629.9	632.5	15.8	13.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	504.7	499.9	502.5	4.8	2.2
GOODS-PRODUCING	141.1	139.8	144.6	1.3	-3.5
Mining	31.8	31.9	33.9	-0.1	-2.1
Coal Mining	26.6	26.8	28.4	-0.2	-1.8
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.2	4.1	4.5	0.1	-0.3
Other Mining	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	27.4	26.0	27.2	1.4	0.2
General Building Contractors	7.0	6.6	7.0	0.4	0.0
Heavy Construction	7.8	7.3	7.8	0.5	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	12.6	12.1	12.4	0.5	0.2
Manufacturing	81.9	81.9	83.5	0.0	-1.6
Durable Goods	45.1	45.1	46.0	0.0	-0.9
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	8.0	7.9	7.5	0.1	0.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.0	6.9	7.3	0.1	-0.3
Primary Metals Industries	13.0	13.0	13.5	0.0	-0.5
Fabricated Metal Products	5.6	5.7	5.4	-0.1	0.2
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.8	4.8	5.6	0.0	-0.8
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Transportation Equipment	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.0	0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.3	2.3	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	36.8	36.8	37.5	0.0	-0.7
Food & Kindred Products	4.2	4.1	4.0	0.1	0.2
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.9	4.0	4.0	-0.1	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	5.0	5.1	5.1	-0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	16.9	16.8	17.6	0.1	-0.7
Other Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.8	4.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	504.6	490.1	487.9	14.5	16.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.8	37.5	37.7	0.3	0.1
Railroad Transportation	3.7	3.7	3.8	0.0	-0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	10.1	9.9	9.8	0.2	0.3
Other Transportation	3.4	3.5	3.4	-0.1	0.0
Communications	8.1	8.1	8.2	0.0	-0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.5	12.3	12.5	0.2	0.0
Trade	145.2	143.2	144.3	2.0	0.9
Wholesale Trade	29.8	29.7	30.3	0.1	-0.5
Retail Trade	115.4	113.5	114.0	1.9	1.4
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.2	4.9	5.0	0.3	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	16.3	16.3	15.2	0.0	1.1
Food Stores	22.2	22.1	22.2	0.1	0.0
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.6	14.4	14.5	0.2	0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.7	4.7	5.6	0.0	-0.9
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	36.0	34.8	35.4	1.2	0.6
Miscellaneous Retail	12.1	12.0	11.8	0.1	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	25.1	24.9	25.0	0.2	0.1
Finance	14.0	14.0	14.0	0.0	0.0
Insurance	6.9	6.8	6.8	0.1	0.1
Real Estate	4.2	4.1	4.2	0.1	0.0
Services	155.5	154.5	150.9	1.0	4.6
Agricultural Services	2.5	2.4	2.4	0.1	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.1	7.8	8.0	0.3	0.1
Personal Services	6.3	6.7	6.2	-0.4	0.1
Business Services	14.4	14.4	14.1	0.0	0.3
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.6	5.6	5.6	0.0	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	6.7	5.9	6.8	0.8	-0.1
Health Services	59.8	59.4	57.4	0.4	2.4
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.8	10.8	10.6	0.0	0.2
Hospitals	29.8	29.6	28.6	0.2	1.2
Other Health Services	19.2	19.0	18.2	0.2	1.0
Legal Services	4.3	4.2	4.1	0.1	0.2
Educational Services	6.0	6.5	5.8	-0.5	0.2
Social Services	13.1	13.1	12.4	0.0	0.7
Membership Organizations	19.7	19.5	19.7	0.2	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	8.1	8.1	7.5	0.0	0.6
Government	141.0	130.0	130.0	11.0	11.0
Federal	17.3	17.1	16.9	0.2	0.4
Hospitals	3.3	3.2	3.1	0.1	0.2
U S Postal Service	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	8.9	8.8	8.8	0.1	0.1
State	40.9	41.3	40.8	-0.4	0.1
Hospitals	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1
Education	19.0	19.7	19.0	-0.7	0.0
Other State	19.4	19.1	19.4	0.3	0.0
Local	82.8	71.6	72.3	11.2	10.5
Hospitals	5.1	5.0	5.0	0.1	0.1
Education	45.4	45.5	45.9	-0.1	-0.5
Other Local	32.3	21.1	21.4	11.2	10.9
Labor-Management Dispute Status	1.8	1.8	2.1	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May.'92	*Revised Apr.'92*	*Revised May.'91*	*Change From: Apr. 1992*	*May. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	290.5	284.2	281.1	6.3	9.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	217.6	215.5	212.8	2.1	4.8
GOODS-PRODUCING	23.1	23.1	23.9	0.0	-0.8
Mining	2.0	1.9	2.0	0.1	0.0
Coal Mining	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.1	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.0	-0.1
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.0	-0.1
Manufacturing	18.9	19.0	19.6	-0.1	-0.7
Durable Goods	7.1	7.1	7.5	0.0	-0.4
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.0	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.0	-0.2
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	11.8	11.9	12.1	-0.1	-0.3
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.4	3.5	3.4	-0.1	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	0.3	0.4	0.3	-0.1	0.0
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	2.7	2.6	3.1	0.1	-0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	267.4	261.1	257.2	6.3	10.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.2	8.1	8.0	0.1	0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	0.6	0.7	0.6	-0.1	0.0
Communications	3.9	3.8	3.7	0.1	0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.3	2.4	0.1	0.0
Trade	68.9	67.8	67.3	1.1	1.6
Wholesale Trade	6.2	6.2	5.9	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	62.7	61.6	61.4	1.1	1.3
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
General Merchandise Stores	11.6	11.5	10.4	0.1	1.2
Food Stores	11.9	11.7	11.5	0.2	0.4
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Accessory Stores	3.9	3.9	4.8	0.0	-0.9
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.6	1.5	1.5	0.1	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	21.2	20.5	20.8	0.7	0.4
Miscellaneous Retail	8.0	8.0	7.9	0.0	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.8	15.5	15.6	0.3	0.2
Finance	11.0	10.9	11.0	0.1	0.0
Insurance	3.4	3.2	3.1	0.2	0.3
Real Estate	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	-0.1
Services	101.6	101.0	98.0	0.6	3.6
Agricultural Services	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
Personal Services	4.1	4.4	4.0	-0.3	0.1
Business Services	7.6	7.3	7.1	0.3	0.5
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	3.2	2.8	3.1	0.4	0.1
Health Services	48.9	48.9	47.1	0.0	1.8
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.8	9.8	9.4	0.0	0.4
Hospitals	24.4	24.4	23.6	0.0	0.8
Other Health Services	14.7	14.7	14.1	0.0	0.6
Legal Services	3.4	3.4	3.1	0.0	0.3
Educational Services	3.2	3.4	3.2	-0.2	0.0
Social Services	9.5	9.5	9.2	0.0	0.3
Membership Organizations	11.9	11.6	11.9	0.3	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	3.0	3.0	2.6	0.0	0.4
Government	72.9	68.7	68.3	4.2	4.6
Federal	7.3	7.3	7.4	0.0	-0.1
Hospitals	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	4.1	4.1	4.3	0.0	-0.2
State	20.0	20.4	19.6	-0.4	0.4
Hospitals	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Education	10.3	10.9	9.9	-0.6	0.4
Other State	8.0	7.8	8.0	0.2	0.0
Local	45.6	41.0	41.3	4.6	4.3
Hospitals	4.3	4.2	4.2	0.1	0.1
Education	29.4	29.4	29.8	0.0	-0.4
Other Local	11.9	7.4	7.3	4.5	4.6

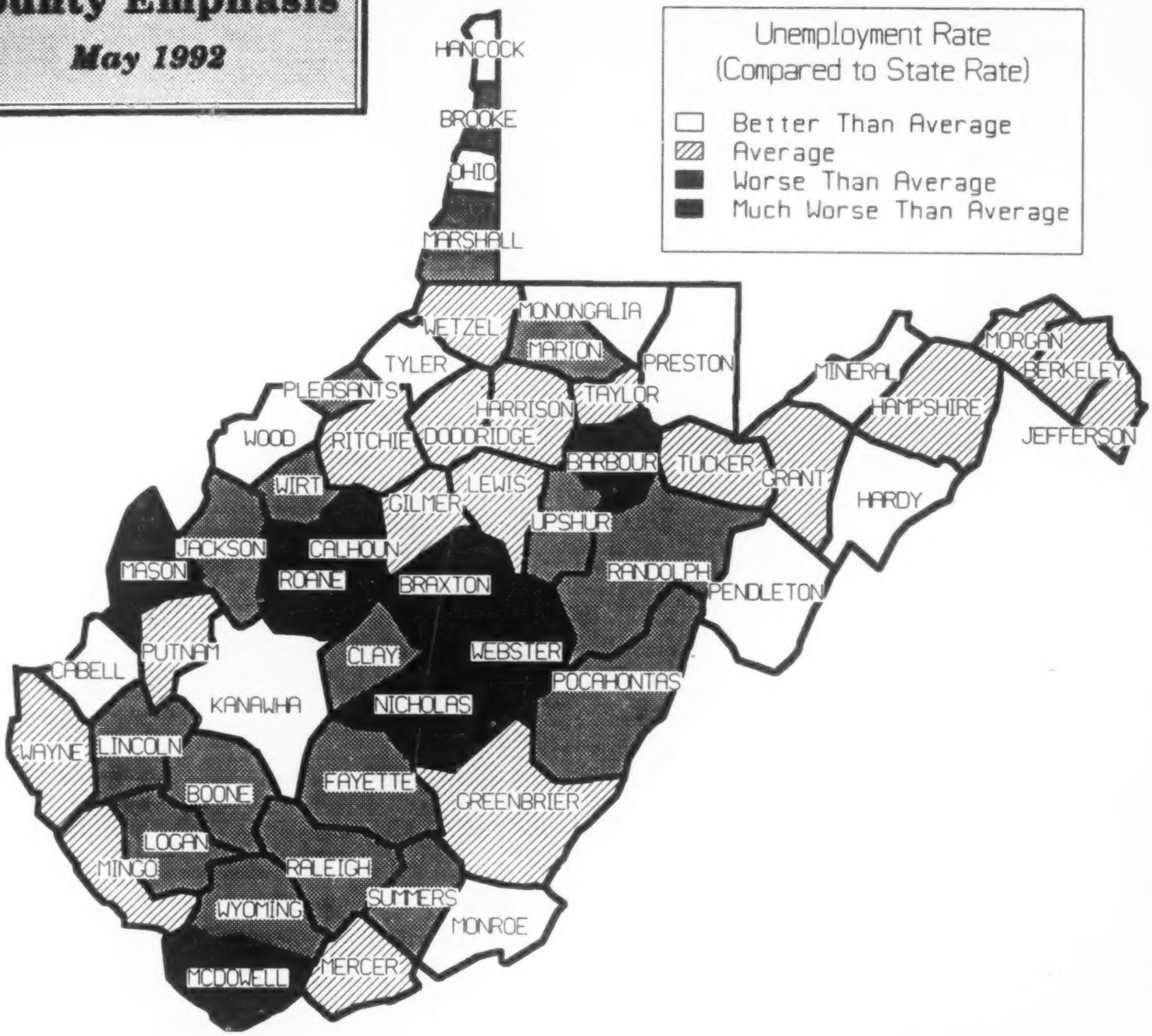
Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia
Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May.'92	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*	*May.'92*	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*	*May.'92*	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	$367.14	$363.07	$356.76	36.1	35.7	36.0	$10.17	$10.17	$9.91
Mining	761.57	762.89	748.61	44.2	44.2	43.6	17.23	17.26	17.17
Coal Mining	810.35	813.99	794.39	44.5	44.7	43.6	18.21	18.21	18.22
Oil & Gas Extraction	477.57	461.15	468.29	41.6	40.1	43.2	11.48	11.50	10.84
Other Mining	466.94	511.10	494.49	45.6	47.5	45.2	10.24	10.76	10.94
Construction	568.42	532.15	540.88	38.2	36.7	39.8	14.88	14.50	13.59
Manufacturing	492.03	498.17	469.04	40.9	40.8	40.4	12.03	12.21	11.61
Durable Goods	498.83	499.73	474.44	41.5	41.3	40.9	12.02	12.10	11.60
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	313.80	315.15	295.40	40.7	40.3	40.3	7.71	7.82	7.33
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	463.57	474.96	452.39	40.7	41.7	39.1	11.39	11.39	11.57
Primary Metals Industries	679.36	672.98	614.88	44.0	43.7	42.7	15.44	15.40	14.40
Fabricated Metal Products	448.50	455.11	427.35	39.0	38.7	38.5	11.50	11.76	11.10
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	479.55	496.46	487.28	40.4	41.2	41.4	11.87	12.05	11.77
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	576.39	566.78	585.57	43.6	43.2	44.7	13.22	13.12	13.10
Transportation Equipment	527.98	519.98	485.62	43.1	41.9	45.3	12.25	12.41	10.72
Nondurable Goods	484.01	495.24	462.48	40.2	40.1	39.8	12.04	12.35	11.62
Food & Kindred Products	377.14	378.10	395.07	38.8	39.1	39.0	9.72	9.67	10.13
Textile Mill Products	272.92	256.02	261.42	39.1	34.0	38.5	6.98	7.53	6.79
Apparel & Other Textile Products	206.18	209.19	216.02	36.3	36.7	36.8	5.68	5.70	5.87
Paper & Allied Products	371.43	387.54	304.58	41.5	43.3	39.2	8.95	8.95	7.77
Printing & Publishing	313.85	317.20	320.73	34.3	32.4	34.9	9.15	9.79	9.19
Chemicals & Allied Products	768.32	800.65	688.43	44.8	46.2	43.0	17.15	17.33	16.01
Transportation & Public Utilities	518.22	500.60	504.29	42.2	41.1	41.2	12.28	12.18	12.24
Trucking & Warehousing	433.84	414.98	429.13	46.4	44.1	43.7	9.35	9.41	9.82
Communications	531.19	496.86	493.84	37.7	36.4	37.9	14.09	13.65	13.03
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	652.80	651.24	640.93	42.5	43.1	42.7	15.36	15.11	15.01
Trade	245.58	239.36	239.67	32.7	32.0	32.3	7.51	7.48	7.42
Wholesale Trade	477.84	461.66	454.21	41.3	41.0	40.7	11.57	11.26	11.16
Retail Trade	189.41	184.76	185.73	30.6	29.8	30.2	6.19	6.20	6.15
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	266.85	274.51	261.14	39.3	39.9	40.3	6.79	6.88	6.48
General Merchandise Stores	202.36	197.70	202.34	30.8	30.0	30.2	6.57	6.59	6.70
Food Stores	197.34	193.01	183.11	30.5	29.2	28.7	6.47	6.61	6.38
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	270.47	253.42	278.63	37.0	34.2	37.4	7.31	7.41	7.45
Apparel & Accessory Stores	147.68	140.42	146.04	28.9	26.9	27.4	5.11	5.22	5.33
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	275.96	280.60	288.35	36.6	36.3	36.5	7.54	7.73	7.90
Eating & Drinking Places	132.24	129.23	127.36	26.5	26.7	26.7	4.99	4.84	4.77
Miscellaneous Retail	197.16	187.14	194.00	31.0	29.8	30.6	6.36	6.28	6.34
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	315.36	314.94	308.55	36.5	36.2	36.3	8.64	8.70	8.50
Finance	263.53	257.76	249.91	36.1	35.8	35.1	7.30	7.20	7.12
Insurance	438.33	464.44	461.23	37.4	38.1	38.5	11.72	12.19	11.98
Real Estate	314.86	302.91	303.81	36.4	35.1	37.6	8.65	8.63	8.08
Services	290.34	289.48	278.73	33.8	33.7	34.2	8.59	8.59	8.15
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	263.09	232.06	267.62	32.4	29.3	32.4	8.12	7.92	8.26
Personal Services	227.34	248.16	237.05	32.9	35.1	35.7	6.91	7.07	6.64
Business Services	244.84	229.12	236.65	34.1	32.0	34.1	7.18	7.16	6.94
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	337.59	339.83	333.29	39.3	39.7	38.8	8.59	8.56	8.59
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	178.13	178.41	160.26	28.5	28.5	26.8	6.25	6.26	5.98
Health Services	337.06	335.61	320.92	36.4	36.4	37.1	9.26	9.22	8.65
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	191.69	195.14	192.09	32.6	33.3	33.7	5.88	5.86	5.70
Hospitals	406.95	405.30	384.93	38.5	38.6	39.0	10.57	10.50	9.87
Other Health Services	306.42	301.71	290.88	35.1	34.6	36.0	8.73	8.72	8.08
Legal Services	419.34	407.63	382.35	38.9	37.5	36.8	10.78	10.87	10.39
Social Services	208.16	208.16	182.39	30.3	30.3	30.5	6.87	6.87	5.98
Engineering & Management Services	424.13	471.24	394.94	36.5	39.7	36.4	11.62	11.87	10.85

The above figures represent the hours and earnings of more than 400,000 private sector production and nonsupervisory workers in West Virginia. Comparable totals for the United States appear at the bottom of page 3. Additional industry detail for the United States and for other states is available upon request.

County Emphasis

May 1992


Unemployment Rate
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WEBSTER
POCAHONTAS
KANAWHA
NICHOLAS
WAYNE
LINCOLN
BOONE
FAYETTE
GREENBRIER
LOGAN
MINGO
RALEIGH
WYOMING
SUMMERS
MONROE
MCDOWELL
MERCER

Labor market conditions in most West Virginia counties showed improvement during May 1992, with most recording declines in their unemployment rate. Seasonal employment increases, particularly in construction, trade, and services along with government (election workers) were responsible for this advance. Of note, election workers were included only because their employment occurred during the survey week which includes the 12th day of the month. Eighteen counties recorded double-digit unemployment rates, with eight producing rates considered much worse than average. Included in the group are Barbour (15.9%), Calhoun (15.1%), Webster (14.3%), McDowell (13.4%), Roane (13.2%), Mason (12.6%), Nicholas (12.4%) and Braxton (12.3%) counties. On the other end of the spectrum, those counties considered as having rates better than average include Pendleton (3.3%), Hardy (3.7%), Monongalia (4.1%), Monroe (5.0%), Ohio (5.4%), Kanawha (5.9%), Cabell (6.2%), Wood (6.3%), Tyler (6.4%), Hancock (6.5%), Preston (6.7%) and Mineral (6.7%) counties.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

May 1992

(Revised April 1992 in parentheses)

These Labor Force Statistics Were Designed To Be Used For Economic Analysis

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,400	(4,270)	3,700	(3,590)	700	(680)	15.9	(16.0)
Berkeley	30,810	(30,000)	28,570	(27,850)	2,230	(2,160)	7.2	(7.2)
Boone	8,640	(8,340)	7,720	(7,500)	920	(840)	10.7	(10.1)
Braxton	5,310	(5,200)	4,660	(4,400)	650	(800)	12.3	(15.4)
Brooke	10,130	(9,900)	9,230	(9,060)	900	(850)	8.9	(8.5)
Cabell	43,660	(43,170)	40,950	(40,350)	2,710	(2,820)	6.2	(6.5)
Calhoun	2,860	(2,840)	2,430	(2,270)	430	(570)	15.1	(20.1)
Clay	3,330	(3,140)	2,950	(2,710)	380	(430)	11.5	(13.7)
Doddridge	2,490	(2,400)	2,290	(2,210)	200	(190)	8.0	(7.9)
Fayette	17,420	(17,060)	15,760	(15,370)	1,660	(1,700)	9.5	(9.9)
Gilmer	3,040	(3,260)	2,780	(2,940)	260	(320)	8.6	(9.9)
Grant	4,790	(4,670)	4,430	(4,320)	360	(340)	7.4	(7.3)
Greenbrier	15,350	(14,840)	14,170	(13,520)	1,180	(1,320)	7.7	(8.9)
Hampshire	7,030	(6,810)	6,440	(6,120)	600	(690)	8.5	(10.2)
Hancock	13,220	(13,110)	12,360	(12,130)	860	(980)	6.5	(7.5)
Hardy	5,810	(5,590)	5,600	(5,310)	220	(280)	3.7	(4.9)
Harrison	30,440	(29,770)	28,080	(27,110)	2,360	(2,660)	7.8	(8.9)
Jackson	9,890	(9,530)	8,840	(8,450)	1,050	(1,080)	10.6	(11.3)
Jefferson	18,430	(18,000)	17,050	(16,500)	1,380	(1,500)	7.5	(8.3)
Kanawha	99,430	(97,620)	93,600	(91,670)	5,830	(5,950)	5.9	(6.1)
Lewis	7,430	(7,320)	6,790	(6,570)	640	(750)	8.6	(10.3)
Lincoln	7,910	(7,630)	7,120	(6,800)	780	(830)	9.9	(10.9)
Logan	13,350	(13,010)	12,050	(11,790)	1,310	(1,230)	9.8	(9.4)
McDowell	7,050	(6,580)	6,100	(5,650)	950	(920)	13.4	(14.1)
Marion	22,590	(22,300)	20,120	(19,770)	2,460	(2,530)	10.9	(11.3)
Marshall	14,950	(14,670)	13,460	(13,130)	1,480	(1,540)	9.9	(10.5)
Mason	9,530	(9,140)	8,330	(7,960)	1,200	(1,190)	12.6	(13.0)
Mercer	26,930	(26,450)	24,930	(24,430)	2,000	(2,020)	7.4	(7.6)
Mineral	10,710	(10,680)	9,990	(9,940)	720	(730)	6.7	(6.9)
Mingo	11,800	(11,690)	10,980	(10,750)	820	(940)	7.0	(8.1)
Monongalia	41,710	(41,000)	40,010	(39,280)	1,700	(1,720)	4.1	(4.2)
Monroe	5,260	(5,050)	4,990	(4,760)	270	(280)	5.0	(5.6)
Morgan	5,420	(5,220)	5,020	(4,830)	410	(390)	7.5	(7.5)
Nicholas	9,090	(8,860)	7,960	(7,650)	1,120	(1,210)	12.4	(13.6)
Ohio	24,110	(23,570)	22,810	(22,240)	1,300	(1,330)	5.4	(5.7)
Pendleton	3,950	(3,800)	3,820	(3,660)	130	(140)	3.3	(3.6)
Pleasants	2,220	(2,120)	1,960	(1,860)	250	(260)	11.4	(12.4)
Pocahontas	4,510	(4,710)	4,000	(4,170)	510	(550)	11.3	(11.6)
Preston	13,350	(13,190)	12,460	(12,240)	890	(960)	6.7	(7.3)
Putnam	17,150	(16,860)	15,700	(15,380)	1,450	(1,490)	8.4	(8.8)
Raleigh	29,080	(28,270)	26,450	(25,700)	2,630	(2,570)	9.0	(9.1)
Randolph	12,050	(11,830)	10,860	(10,670)	1,190	(1,160)	9.9	(9.8)
Ritchie	5,440	(5,200)	4,960	(4,710)	480	(480)	8.8	(9.3)
Roane	5,030	(5,010)	4,360	(4,200)	660	(800)	13.2	(16.0)
Summers	4,270	(4,190)	3,830	(3,650)	440	(550)	10.3	(13.0)
Taylor	5,950	(5,880)	5,500	(5,310)	450	(570)	7.6	(9.6)
Tucker	4,200	(3,950)	3,900	(3,680)	300	(280)	7.2	(7.0)
Tyler	4,780	(4,680)	4,470	(4,320)	310	(360)	6.4	(7.6)
Upshur	8,220	(8,150)	7,330	(7,160)	900	(990)	10.9	(12.1)
Wayne	15,880	(15,750)	14,690	(14,480)	1,190	(1,280)	7.5	(8.1)
Webster	3,050	(2,930)	2,610	(2,510)	430	(420)	14.3	(14.4)
Wetzel	9,440	(9,200)	8,750	(8,450)	700	(750)	7.4	(8.1)
Wirt	2,000	(1,830)	1,770	(1,550)	220	(280)	11.2	(15.3)
Wood	41,640	(40,940)	39,010	(38,180)	2,630	(2,750)	6.3	(6.7)
Wyoming	6,930	(6,640)	6,180	(5,900)	750	(750)	10.8	(11.2)
Statewide	753,400	(737,800)	694,900	(676,700)	58,500	(61,100)	7.8	(8.3)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

May 1992

(Revised April 1992 in parentheses)

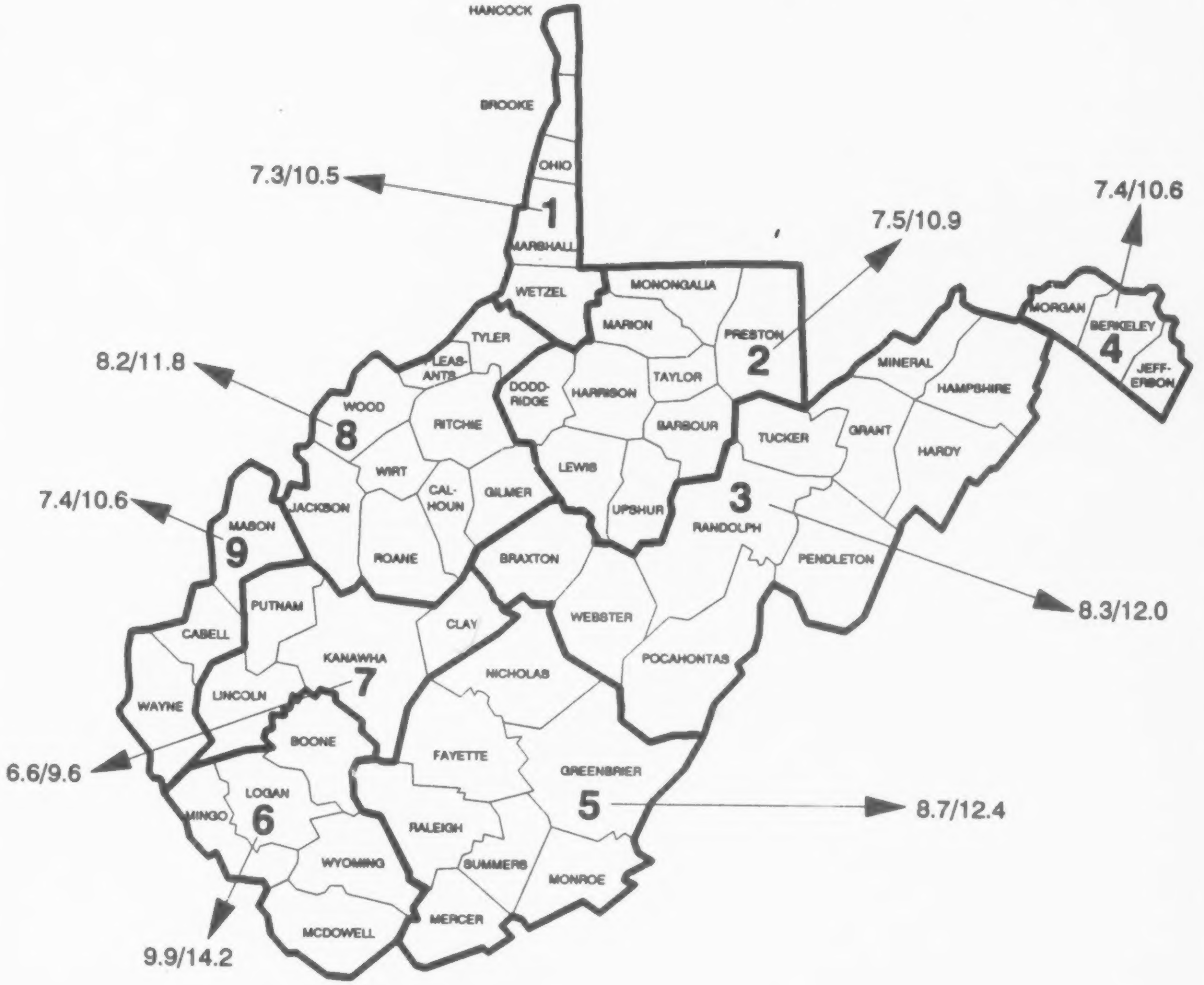
Approved by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to Allocate Federal Funds
and Determine Eligibility for Federal Assistance Programs

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,780	(4,640)	3,730	(3,650)	1,050	(990)	22.0	(21.3)
Berkeley	32,170	(31,450)	28,800	(28,340)	3,370	(3,110)	10.5	(9.9)
Boone	9,170	(8,840)	7,780	(7,630)	1,390	(1,210)	15.2	(13.7)
Braxton	5,680	(5,630)	4,690	(4,480)	990	(1,150)	17.4	(20.5)
Brooke	10,660	(10,440)	9,300	(9,220)	1,360	(1,220)	12.7	(11.7)
Cabell	45,360	(45,120)	41,270	(41,060)	4,090	(4,060)	9.0	(9.0)
Calhoun	3,090	(3,130)	2,450	(2,310)	650	(820)	20.9	(26.3)
Clay	3,550	(3,380)	2,970	(2,750)	580	(620)	16.2	(18.4)
Doddridge	2,610	(2,530)	2,310	(2,250)	300	(280)	11.5	(10.9)
Fayette	18,390	(18,080)	15,880	(15,640)	2,510	(2,450)	13.6	(13.5)
Gilmer	3,190	(3,460)	2,800	(2,990)	400	(470)	12.4	(13.5)
Grant	5,000	(4,890)	4,470	(4,400)	540	(490)	10.7	(10.1)
Greenbrier	16,060	(15,660)	14,280	(13,760)	1,780	(1,900)	11.1	(12.2)
Hampshire	7,390	(7,220)	6,490	(6,220)	900	(1,000)	12.2	(13.8)
Hancock	13,750	(13,760)	12,450	(12,340)	1,300	(1,410)	9.4	(10.3)
Hardy	5,970	(5,800)	5,640	(5,410)	330	(400)	5.4	(6.9)
Harrison	31,860	(31,430)	28,300	(27,590)	3,560	(3,840)	11.2	(12.2)
Jackson	10,490	(10,160)	8,910	(8,600)	1,580	(1,560)	15.1	(15.3)
Jefferson	19,270	(18,960)	17,180	(16,790)	2,090	(2,170)	10.8	(11.4)
Kanawha	103,140	(101,860)	94,340	(93,280)	8,800	(8,580)	8.5	(8.4)
Lewis	7,810	(7,770)	6,850	(6,680)	960	(1,080)	12.3	(14.0)
Lincoln	8,360	(8,120)	7,180	(6,920)	1,180	(1,200)	14.1	(14.8)
Logan	14,120	(13,760)	12,140	(11,990)	1,970	(1,770)	14.0	(12.9)
McDowell	7,580	(7,080)	6,150	(5,750)	1,430	(1,330)	18.8	(18.8)
Marion	24,000	(23,760)	20,280	(20,120)	3,720	(3,640)	15.5	(15.3)
Marshall	15,810	(15,580)	13,570	(13,360)	2,240	(2,220)	14.2	(14.3)
Mason	10,200	(9,810)	8,400	(8,100)	1,810	(1,710)	17.7	(17.4)
Mercer	28,150	(27,770)	25,130	(24,860)	3,020	(2,910)	10.7	(10.5)
Mineral	11,150	(11,170)	10,070	(10,120)	1,080	(1,060)	9.7	(9.5)
Mingo	12,300	(12,300)	11,060	(10,940)	1,240	(1,360)	10.1	(11.1)
Monongalia	42,890	(42,450)	40,330	(39,970)	2,560	(2,480)	6.0	(5.8)
Monroe	5,430	(5,260)	5,030	(4,850)	400	(410)	7.3	(7.8)
Morgan	5,670	(5,480)	5,060	(4,920)	610	(560)	10.8	(10.3)
Nicholas	9,720	(9,530)	8,030	(7,790)	1,690	(1,740)	17.4	(18.3)
Ohio	24,960	(24,550)	22,990	(22,630)	1,970	(1,920)	7.9	(7.8)
Pendleton	4,050	(3,920)	3,850	(3,730)	190	(200)	4.8	(5.0)
Pleasants	2,360	(2,270)	1,980	(1,890)	380	(380)	16.2	(16.7)
Pocahontas	4,800	(5,030)	4,040	(4,240)	770	(790)	16.0	(15.7)
Preston	13,900	(13,830)	12,560	(12,450)	1,340	(1,380)	9.6	(10.0)
Putnam	18,010	(17,790)	15,830	(15,650)	2,180	(2,140)	12.1	(12.1)
Raleigh	30,620	(29,860)	26,660	(26,160)	3,970	(3,700)	13.0	(12.4)
Randolph	12,750	(12,530)	10,950	(10,860)	1,800	(1,670)	14.1	(13.3)
Ritchie	5,720	(5,490)	5,000	(4,800)	730	(700)	12.7	(12.7)
Roane	5,400	(5,440)	4,400	(4,280)	1,000	(1,160)	18.5	(21.3)
Summers	4,530	(4,500)	3,860	(3,710)	670	(790)	14.7	(17.5)
Taylor	6,230	(6,220)	5,550	(5,410)	680	(820)	10.9	(13.1)
Tucker	4,380	(4,140)	3,930	(3,740)	450	(400)	10.4	(9.7)
Tyler	4,970	(4,910)	4,510	(4,400)	460	(520)	9.3	(10.5)
Upshur	8,730	(8,710)	7,380	(7,290)	1,350	(1,420)	15.5	(16.3)
Wayne	16,600	(16,570)	14,810	(14,730)	1,790	(1,840)	10.8	(11.1)
Webster	3,290	(3,170)	2,630	(2,560)	660	(610)	19.9	(19.3)
Wetzel	9,870	(9,680)	8,820	(8,600)	1,050	(1,080)	10.7	(11.1)
Wirt	2,120	(1,980)	1,790	(1,580)	340	(410)	15.8	(20.4)
Wood	43,290	(42,830)	39,320	(38,860)	3,970	(3,970)	9.2	(9.3)
Wyoming	7,360	(7,080)	6,230	(6,000)	1,130	(1,080)	15.4	(15.2)
Statewide	788,700	(776,700)	700,400	(688,600)	88,300	(88,100)	11.2	(11.3)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

Partnership for Progress Area Unemployment Rates

WV Series / BLS Series ***May 1992***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Some seasonal improvement was noted statewide in total nonfarm payroll employment for May 1992. However, the May primary election, which added 10,400 temporary poll workers to the local government job count, was responsible for the majority of this increase. Still, seasonal gains were recorded in the trade, construction and service industries. All of the nine Partnership for Progress Areas experienced declines in their unemployment rates. The greatest decrease occurred in Area 8 (8.2%) which fell by a full percentage point during May 1992. Area 2 (7.5%) was close behind recording a 0.7 percent decrease. The highest unemployment rate occurred in Area 6, which posted a 9.9 percent rate. Area 7 recorded the lowest rate at 6.6 percent of the civilian labor force. In total, five of the nine areas experienced rates below the statewide figure of 7.8 percent.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	116.6	114.5	114.9
Employment	109.3	107.0	108.5
Unemployment	7.3	7.4	6.4
Rate (%)	6.2	6.5	5.6
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	127.4	126.2	127.5
Employment	120.5	118.9	120.4
Unemployment	6.9	7.4	7.1
Rate (%)	5.4	5.8	5.6
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	70.7	69.6	69.6
Employment	66.8	65.5	65.9
Unemployment	3.9	4.1	3.7
Rate (%)	5.5	5.9	5.3
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	69.0	67.7	68.8
Employment	64.9	63.4	65.4
Unemployment	4.0	4.3	3.4
Rate (%)	5.8	6.4	4.9
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	38.9	38.1	37.3
Employment	35.9	34.6	34.6
Unemployment	3.0	3.4	2.7
Rate (%)	7.7	9.0	7.2
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.1	11.8	11.7
Employment	10.6	10.2	10.3
Unemployment	1.6	1.6	1.4
Rate (%)	12.8	13.8	12.3
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	55.1	54.2	52.5
Employment	52.5	51.5	50.4
Unemployment	2.6	2.7	2.1
Rate (%)	4.7	4.9	4.0
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.2	13.9	14.3
Employment	13.2	12.8	13.3
Unemployment	1.0	1.1	1.0
Rate (%)	7.1	8.0	7.0
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.6	19.9	20.9
Employment	19.2	18.3	19.5
Unemployment	1.4	1.6	1.4
Rate (%)	7.0	8.1	6.8

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	121.2	119.7	120.9
Employment	110.2	108.9	112.2
Unemployment	11.0	10.7	8.7
Rate (%)	9.1	9.0	7.2
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	131.6	131.1	132.9
Employment	120.4	119.6	122.0
Unemployment	11.2	11.5	10.9
Rate (%)	8.5	8.8	8.2
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	74.7	73.6	73.5
Employment	68.2	67.1	68.3
Unemployment	6.5	6.5	5.1
Rate (%)	8.7	8.8	7.0
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	73.1	71.8	72.6
Employment	66.3	65.0	67.8
Unemployment	6.7	6.8	4.8
Rate (%)	9.2	9.5	6.6
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	40.7	40.2	39.4
Employment	36.2	35.3	35.8
Unemployment	4.5	4.9	3.6
Rate (%)	11.2	12.3	9.3
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	13.0	12.7	12.6
Employment	10.7	10.3	10.6
Unemployment	2.3	2.4	2.0
Rate (%)	18.1	18.5	15.6
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	56.8	56.3	55.0
Employment	52.9	52.4	52.1
Unemployment	3.9	3.9	2.9
Rate (%)	6.9	6.9	5.3
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.8	14.6	15.1
Employment	13.3	13.0	13.7
Unemployment	1.5	1.6	1.4
Rate (%)	10.2	10.9	9.1
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.5	20.9	22.1
Employment	19.3	18.6	20.2
Unemployment	2.2	2.3	2.0
Rate (%)	10.1	11.1	8.8

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

Employment: Nonfarm payroll employment rose by 2,100 jobs during May 1992 in the Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area. Much of this increase occurred in local government (+1,200) as election workers were counted during the survey week. Overall the local service-producing sector increased by some 1,900 jobs, with advances in government (+1,200), retail trade (+500), transportation and public utilities (+100) and finance, insurance and real estate (+100). Services remained unchanged over the month. The goods-producing sector increased seasonally by 200, particularly in construction. Comparison with year-ago May 1991 reveals an increase of 1,600 jobs, primarily in the service-producing sector (+1,700). Total services advanced sharply by 800, with noticeable gains in health (+400) and personal and business (+300) services. Total government was up by 1,000 over the year. However, gains in ~~local~~ government reflected the counting of election workers for the May 1992 primary.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment decreased only slightly (-100) during May 1992. However, this small decline was more than offset by the large increase in employment (+2,300), which pushed the size of the labor force upward (+2,100), resulting in a lower unemployment rate of 6.2 percent for May. The current level of unemployment (7,300) remains entrenched higher than a year-ago figure of 6,400, with the rate up from 5.6 percent to the current 6.2 percent of the civilian labor force.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*
Labor Force	116.6	114.5	114.9
Employment	109.3	107.0	108.5
Unemployment	7.3	7.4	6.4
Rate (%)	6.2	6.5	5.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*
Labor Force	121.2	119.7	120.9
Employment	110.2	108.9	112.2
Unemployment	11.0	10.7	8.7
Rate (%)	9.1	9.0	7.2

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May.'92	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*	*May.'92*	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*	*May.'92*	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	113.6	111.5	112.0						
PRIVATE SECTOR	92.6	91.7	92.0	37.0	36.9	37.1	9.93	9.95	9.79
GOODS-PRODUCING	17.6	17.4	17.7						
Mining	2.1	2.2	2.4						
Construction	5.0	4.8	5.1						
Manufacturing	10.5	10.4	10.2	43.9	45.0	42.4	14.73	14.66	14.04
Durable Goods	1.8	1.9	1.6	47.1	47.3	37.6	11.10	11.03	11.48
Nondurable Goods	8.7	8.5	8.6	42.9	44.4	43.7	15.87	15.80	14.62
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.2	7.1	7.2	45.5	47.7	45.5	17.61	17.28	15.93
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.4	1.4	34.7	33.1	37.7	8.72	8.67	9.35
SERVICE-PRODUCING	96.0	94.1	94.3						
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.7	8.6	8.8						
Trade	28.5	28.0	28.5	33.4	32.8	33.2	7.79	7.88	7.71
Wholesale Trade	7.1	7.1	7.2	41.9	41.6	40.6	10.59	10.66	10.50
Retail Trade	21.4	20.9	21.3	30.8	30.1	30.9	6.64	6.70	6.57
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	4.3	4.2	4.4	31.0	30.4	30.0	7.16	7.12	7.31
Food Stores	3.9	3.9	3.8	28.5	27.1	27.7	6.45	6.69	6.30
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	2.5	2.5	2.5	36.3	33.6	36.7	8.08	8.20	8.41
Eating & Drinking Places	6.7	6.4	6.7	28.0	28.6	28.5	5.32	5.17	5.06
Other Retail Trade	4.0	3.9	3.9						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.5	6.4	6.5	37.8	38.3	37.1	8.84	8.76	9.00
Finance	2.8	2.8	2.9						
Insurance	2.7	2.6	2.6						
Real Estate	1.0	1.0	1.0						
Services	31.3	31.3	30.5	36.4	36.6	37.5	8.96	9.08	8.82
Personal & Business Services	5.3	5.2	5.0	33.2	33.2	35.1	6.34	6.25	6.50
Health Services	11.7	11.7	11.3	42.5	42.8	42.9	9.34	9.58	9.47
Social Services	2.2	2.2	2.0						
Membership Organizations	3.8	3.8	3.9						
Other Services	8.3	8.4	8.3						
Government	21.0	19.8	20.0						
Federal	2.1	2.1	2.0						
State	9.2	9.2	9.3						
Local	9.7	8.5	8.7						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.3						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA in May 1992 advanced by 1,200 jobs. Much of this advance was fueled by primary election (poll) workers in local government. The goods-producing industries added 600 jobs, with construction (+500) and nondurable goods (+100) primarily responsible for this increase. The service-producing industries also advanced by 600 jobs. The increase came in a sprinkling throughout the service industries. Retail trade advanced by 200 while finance, insurance and real estate added 100. Personal services gained 100, while government increased by 200 jobs. Total nonfarm payroll employment was up 500 in the over-the-year comparison. Goods-producing industries added 100 jobs over the year, while the service-producing industries advanced by 400 jobs.

Unemployment: Unemployment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA decreased by 500 during May 1992 to a level of 6,900. This represents is a decrease of 200 from May 1991. The MSA unemployment rate decreased 0.4 percent to 5.4 percent of the civilian labor forceduring May 1992. The current rate is 0.2 percent lower than the May 1991 rate of 5.6 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*
Labor Force	127.4	126.2	127.5
Employment	120.5	118.9	120.4
Unemployment	6.9	7.4	7.1
Rate (%)	5.4	5.8	5.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*
Labor Force	131.6	131.1	132.9
Employment	120.4	119.6	122.0
Unemployment	11.2	11.5	10.9
Rate (%)	8.5	8.8	8.2

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May.'92	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*	*May.'92*	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*	*May.'92*	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	112.1	110.9	111.6						
PRIVATE SECTOR	92.0	91.0	91.5	36.0	35.5	35.0	10.39	10.20	9.82
GOODS-PRODUCING	26.4	25.8	26.3						
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.7						
Construction	5.0	4.5	4.9						
Manufacturing	19.8	19.7	19.7	41.3	41.1	40.0	13.96	13.85	13.77
Durable Goods	11.4	11.4	11.3	40.4	40.3	40.0	14.44	14.52	14.36
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.4	38.1	45.6	43.7	12.48	12.60	12.65
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.2	7.2	7.4	40.6	39.3	39.4	16.05	16.12	16.13
Other Durable Goods	2.8	2.8	2.5						
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.3	8.4	42.6	42.2	40.0	13.29	12.88	12.92
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.7	38.5	39.1	33.6	6.76	6.89	7.24
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.3	4.3	4.3	44.9	42.7	41.6	17.05	16.62	16.20
Other Nondurable Goods	2.6	2.5	2.4						
SERVICE-PRODUCING	85.7	85.1	85.3						
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.2	7.2	8.0						
Trade	27.7	27.5	27.6	32.1	31.6	31.9	7.15	7.09	7.18
Wholesale Trade	5.4	5.4	5.5	39.9	39.4	39.8	10.33	10.24	10.09
Retail Trade	22.3	22.1	22.1	30.4	30.0	30.2	6.26	6.19	6.31
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	4.9	4.9	4.6	29.4	29.3	29.6	6.55	6.61	6.47
Food Stores	3.7	3.7	3.8	29.4	29.7	27.8	6.49	6.67	6.31
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	2.4	2.4	2.4	36.5	31.1	35.5	7.22	7.72	7.81
Eating & Drinking Places	7.1	7.0	7.1	26.4	26.8	26.6	5.30	4.90	4.95
Other Retail Trade	4.2	4.1	4.2						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.8	3.9	36.0	35.9	37.3	7.66	7.78	7.46
Services	26.8	26.7	25.7	34.1	34.1	33.0	9.51	9.52	8.74
Personal & Business Services	3.7	3.6	3.6						
Health Services	11.2	11.2	10.6	34.5	34.9	35.5	11.05	11.06	10.57
Government	20.1	19.9	20.1						
Federal	3.1	3.0	2.9						
State	4.6	5.0	5.1						
Local	12.4	11.9	12.1						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment advanced by 1,100 jobs during May 1992 in the Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area. Much of this overall increase reflected the counting of election (poll) workers in local government (+700). The only other significant increase in the local service-producing sector occurred in trade (+400). Transportation and public utilities advanced by 100 jobs, while services and finance, insurance and real estate remained unchanged. The goods-producing sector declined only slightly (-100) during May, with a 200 job increase in construction offset by losses in manufacturing (-200) and mining (-100). No labor-management disputes were recorded for May 1992 in the MSA. Comparison with year-ago data indicates an overall increase in jobs (+1,200). However, a significant portion of the advance merely reflects primary election (poll) workers. Private sector employment increased by 600, totally in the service-producing sector (+1,400). Total services grew by 700 jobs over the year, while trade advanced by 600 jobs.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment fell by 200 persons during May 1992, with the MSA unemployment rate showing a corresponding decline to 5.5 percent of the civilian labor force. However, comparison with May 1991 (5.3%) shows the current rate still higher than a year ago.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*
Labor Force	70.7	69.6	69.6
Employment	66.8	65.5	65.9
Unemployment	3.9	4.1	3.7
Rate (%)	5.5	5.9	5.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*
Labor Force	74.7	73.6	73.5
Employment	68.2	67.1	68.3
Unemployment	6.5	6.5	5.1
Rate (%)	8.7	8.8	7.0

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May.'92	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*	*May.'92*	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*	*May.'92*	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	63.0	61.9	61.8						
PRIVATE SECTOR	52.1	51.7	51.5	34.7	34.4	34.5	10.24	10.37	10.11
GOODS-PRODUCING	16.6	16.7	17.4						
Mining	0.3	0.4	0.4						
Construction	2.7	2.5	3.0						
Manufacturing	13.6	13.8	14.0	41.4	40.6	40.3	14.38	14.73	14.02
Durable Goods	6.6	6.8	6.8	38.2	36.8	38.2	12.50	12.66	12.50
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.9	0.9	1.0	33.3	33.1	37.9	8.52	8.78	9.19
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	43.3	42.2	41.0	13.06	13.03	13.37
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.7	2.9	2.7	34.8	33.2	35.9	13.64	14.03	13.56
Other Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4						
Nondurable Goods	7.0	7.0	7.2	45.4	45.4	42.7	16.32	16.83	15.59
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.2	5.2	5.4	45.4	46.3	42.7	18.02	18.41	16.81
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8						
SERVICE-PRODUCING	46.4	45.2	44.4						
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.7	2.6	2.6						
Trade	15.2	14.8	14.6	32.2	32.7	31.5	7.18	7.11	7.13
Wholesale Trade	3.0	2.9	2.9	41.7	44.1	41.0	9.21	9.25	9.26
Retail Trade	12.2	11.9	11.7	30.1	30.2	29.3	6.56	6.41	6.45
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	2.2	2.2	2.2	30.0	28.3	30.3	6.72	6.77	7.10
Food Stores	2.2	2.2	2.2	30.0	30.1	28.0	7.05	6.94	6.86
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	1.7	1.6	1.6	42.3	43.3	41.7	8.53	7.87	8.10
Eating & Drinking Places	3.8	3.7	3.6	24.4	24.8	24.5	4.78	4.67	4.61
Other Retail Trade	2.3	2.2	2.1						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.3	2.3	2.3	32.4	31.5	31.8	6.97	7.09	6.60
Services	15.3	15.3	14.6	31.6	31.1	30.9	8.22	8.37	7.99
Personal & Business Services	3.6	3.4	3.4	34.9	31.4	34.8	7.52	7.66	7.26
Health Services	4.7	4.8	4.7	31.9	31.6	32.3	9.18	9.05	8.83
Other Services	7.0	7.1	6.5						
Government	10.9	10.2	10.3						
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.9						
State	1.1	1.1	1.2						
Local	7.9	7.2	7.2						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 1400 during May 1992 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area. The goods-producing (+200) and the services-producing sectors (+1200) both reflected increases during the month. Both construction and manufacturing increased by 100 while mining remained stable for the month. Trade (+200) and services (+100) had slight increases, while government (+900) had a large increase due to election workers. Transportation and public utilities and finance, insurance and real estate remained stable for the month with no change. Comparison with year-ago May 1991 figures indicates a decline of 300 jobs in nonfarm payroll. A severe decrease was seen in the goods-producing sector (-1000). The decrease was particularly heavy in manufacturing (-500). Mining (-300) and construction (-200) also experienced decreases. The service-producing sector experienced an increase of 700. Government (+600), services (+500) and finance, insurance and real estate (+100) had increases while trade decreased by 500. Transportation and public utilities remained stable for the year. No labor-management disputes were recorded for May 1992.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment decreased by 300 during May 1992 in the MSA, with the corresponding unemployment rate decreasing to 5.8 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data indicates an increase of 600 unemployed over the year with the unemployment rate advancing from 4.9 percent to the current 5.8 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*
Labor Force	69.0	67.7	68.8
Employment	64.9	63.4	65.4
Unemployment	4.0	4.3	3.4
Rate (%)	5.8	6.4	4.9

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. May. '92	*Revised Apr. '92*	*Revised May. '91*
Labor Force	73.1	71.8	72.6
Employment	66.3	65.0	67.8
Unemployment	6.7	6.8	4.8
Rate (%)	9.2	9.5	6.6

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May.'92	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*	*May.'92*	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*	*May.'92*	*Apr.'92*	*May.'91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	60.5	59.1	60.8						
PRIVATE SECTOR	50.2	49.7	51.1	33.7	34.0	34.9	9.80	9.93	9.68
GOODS-PRODUCING	10.5	10.3	11.5						
Mining	1.9	1.9	2.2	45.5	43.7	44.4	19.59	1[illegible].53	19.17
Construction	1.7	1.6	1.9						
Manufacturing	6.9	6.8	7.4	38.2	41.0	42.0	14.41	15.44	14.50
Durable Goods	2.7	2.6	2.9	34.9	35.3	41.7	13.35	14.30	13.66
Nondurable Goods	4.2	4.2	4.5	41.0	45.5	42.2	15.18	16.16	15.17
SERVICE-PRODUCING	50.0	48.8	49.3						
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.3	3.3						
Trade	15.1	14.9	15.6	31.5	31.6	32.5	7.06	6.99	7.09
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.7	2.8	39.3	39.9	39.4	9.75	9.31	9.30
Retail Trade	12.4	12.2	12.8	30.0	30.0	31.1	6.37	6.37	6.53
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	2.5	2.5	2.5						
Food Stores	2.3	2.3	2.4						
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	1.5	1.5	1.6						
Eating & Drinking Places	4.1	3.9	4.2						
Other Retail Trade	2.0	2.0	2.1						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.2	3.2	3.1	35.5	35.1	33.7	6.94	6.90	6.68
Services	18.1	18.0	17.6						
Health Services	8.0	8.0	7.8	31.8	31.9	33.7	9.28	9.25	8.57
Other Services	10.1	10.0	9.8						
Government	10.3	9.4	9.7						
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7						
State	2.0	1.9	1.9						
Local	7.6	6.8	7.1						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	*Applicants Available Program Year to Date*	*NONFARM JOB OPENINGS*					*Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date*	*Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month*
		Active File	*Received Program Year to Date*	*UNFILLED* *Total*	*UNFILLED* *30 Days or More*	*FILLED* *Total*		
TOTAL	182,348	71,211	33,219	2,954	1,698	23,247	5.5	24.1
Professional, Technical & Managerial	19,198	6,995	1,330	216	121	508	14.4	32.4
Clerical & Sales	48,548	16,201	8,083	995	476	4,786	6.0	16.3
Services	22,751	7,505	6,841	597	281	4,640	3.3	12.6
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,809	764	172	18	13	79	10.5	42.4
Processing	10,193	4,101	844	151	125	698	12.1	27.2
Machine Trades	12,375	5,255	1,190	94	41	732	10.4	55.9
Benchwork	7,150	2,910	846	82	72	542	8.5	35.5
Structural Work	31,394	13,873	2,156	249	134	1,216	14.6	55.7
Miscellaneous	37,445	15,225	11,757	552	435	10,046	3.2	27.6
Transportation	8,253	3,379	1,149	129	76	623	7.2	26.2
Packaging & Materials Handling	20,817	7,196	9,788	222	177	9,012	2.1	32.4
Other	8,375	4,650	820	201	182	411	10.2	23.1
Entry Total	20	20	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

	May 1992	*Apr. 1992*	*May 1991*	*Percent Change:* *Apr. 1992*	*Percent Change:* *May 1991*
Initial Claims	7,146	8,870	7,814	-19.4	-8.5
Weeks Claimed	86,589	103,757	99,571	-16.5	-13.0
Benefits Paid	$11,808,763	$13,662,041	$13,115,655	-13.6	-10.0
Weeks Compensated	76,649	89,140	84,340	-14.0	-9.1
Average Weekly Payment	$154.06	$153.26	$155.51	0.5	-0.9
Trust Fund Balance, End of Month	$153,092,501	$130,221,493	$139,329,780	17.6	9.9

Workers' Compensation

Select Workers' Compensation Claims Activities

	May. 1992	Apr. 1992	May. 1991	Percent Change: Apr. 1992	Percent Change: May. 1991
Temporary Disability Benefits Paid	5,687,983	6,259,091	5,400,921	-9.1	5.3
Medical Benefits Paid	6,149,849	6,952,892	5,830,905	-11.5	5.5
Permanent Partial Disability Benefits Paid	3,780,794	5,587,950	5,530,472	-32.3	-31.6
Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	7,877,867	10,209,447	7,705,568	-22.8	2.2
Benefits to Dependents of Fatalities	1,673,292	1,683,213	1,408,416	-0.6	18.8
Funeral Benefits Paid	0	20,871	46,498	-100.0	-100.0
Miscellaneous Benefits Paid*	221,459	334,862	446,638	-33.9	-50.4
DWRF** Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	585,964	573,240	622,875	2.2	-5.9
DWRF** Benefits Paid to Dependents of Fatalities	977,476	970,139	969,381	0.8	0.8
Sum of All Benefits Paid	26,954,683	32,591,704	27,961,673	-17.3	-3.6

** Includes returned benefit checks, attorney fees and specified dependent benefits.*
*** Disabled Workers' Relief Fund provides benefits to meet the weekly minimum benefit payable for worker's injured prior to July 1, 1971.*

Select Job Training Partnership Act Characteristics

Performance Standard Report
July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991

Job Training Program	**Standard**	**Actual**
Entered Employment Rate - Adults	68	68
Average Wage at Placements Adults	4.95	4.81
Cost Per Entered Employment Adults	4,500	2,284
Entered Employment Rate - Welfare Recipients	56	58
Entered Employment Rate - Youth (Out of School Programs)	45	53
Positive Termination Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	75	85
Cost Per Positive Termination - Youth	4,900	2,101
Employability Enhancement Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	33	52

Characteristics	**Enrolled**	**Positive Outlook***
Adult	8,582	6,951
Female	5,406	4,379
Male	3,176	2,572
Youth	7,326	5,495
Female	3,882	2,912
Male	3,444	2,583
School Dropout	**	2,341
High School Graduate /Equivalent or above	**	6,355
Single Parent	**	2,777
Black	**	904
Hispanic	**	35
Handicapped	**	1,059
Unemployed	**	6,648
Welfare	**	2,841
Veterans	**	772

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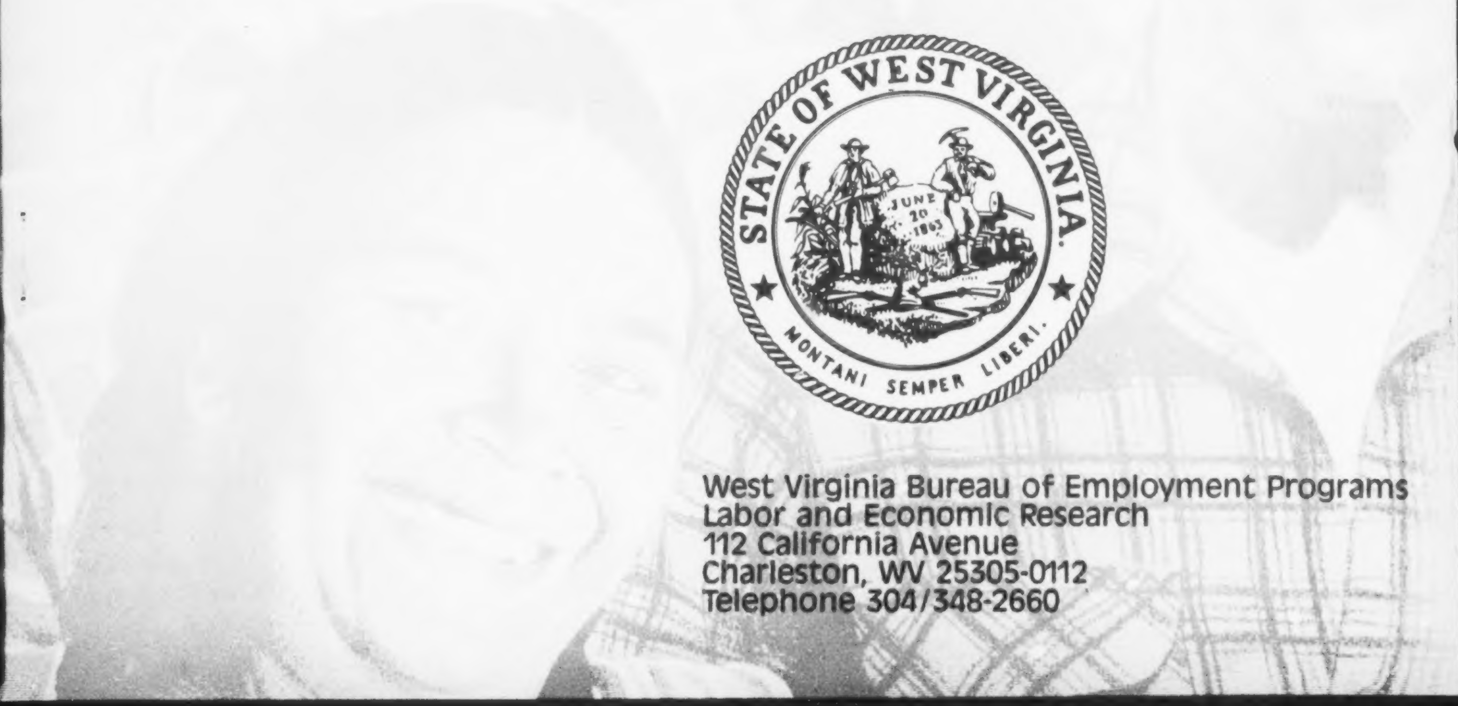

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Mountain State MiniStatistic

The average number of jobs in West Virginia service-producing industries grew by 52,600 between calendar year 1980 and 1990. This represents an increase of 12.3 percent over the past decade.

Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force in West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	*Prelim.* *June '92*	*Revised* *May '92*	*Revised* *June '91*	*Change from:* *May 1992*	 *June 1991*
Civilian Labor Force	753.0	756.4	740.6	-3.4	12.4
Total Employment	693.9	697.8	688.0	-3.9	5.9
Total Unemployment	59.1	58.6	52.5	0.5	6.6
Unemployment Rate	7.9	7.7	7.1	xx	xx

BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*					
Civilian Labor Force	790.7	790.5	795.4	0.2	-4.7
Total Employment	703.7	702.0	712.4	1.7	-8.7
Total Unemployment	87.0	88.5	83.1	-1.5	3.9
Unemployment Rate	11.0	11.2	10.4	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment decreased by 3,900 statewide during June 1992, with 693,900 state residents holding jobs as of the survey week in mid-June. Comparison with last year shows a 5,900 employment increase, however.

Nonfarm payroll employment fell by 8,700 jobs during June, but the elimination of May's 10,400 primary election poll workers plus a seasonal decline in education were the only downtrends. The large government decrease (-12,800) resulted from a contraction in the number of election and student workers, counterbalanced in part by summer additions at state parks and highways and growth in federal government.

Good news abounded elsewhere, particularly within the goods-producing sector. The largest increase was in construction, which went up 1,200 over the month and currently stands at a healthy 1,700 above the year-ago figure. Laid-off workers recalled in the mining industry caused an increase of 200, and new employment pushed manufacturing ahead by 500 over the month. Among service-producing businesses other than government, the biggest changes occurred in educational services, which declined 900 seasonally, and in health services, which grew 800 over the month. Health services is on a long-term expansion track, which has carried it 2,200 employees ahead of the worker count at this time last year. Trade advanced by 700 jobs, with monthly gains in wholesale trade, eating and drinking places, building materials and garden supplies, and food stores.

Nonfarm payroll employment for June stood a solid 6,100 ahead of the job count in June of last year. Improvements have occurred in services, construction, government and trade.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total resident-based unemployment increased by 500 during June 1992, to a level of 59,100 statewide. This figure is well above the 52,500 recorded for the same month a year ago, reflecting the lingering impact of the national recession. The unemployment rate for June 1992 rose slightly to 7.9 percent of the civilian labor force.

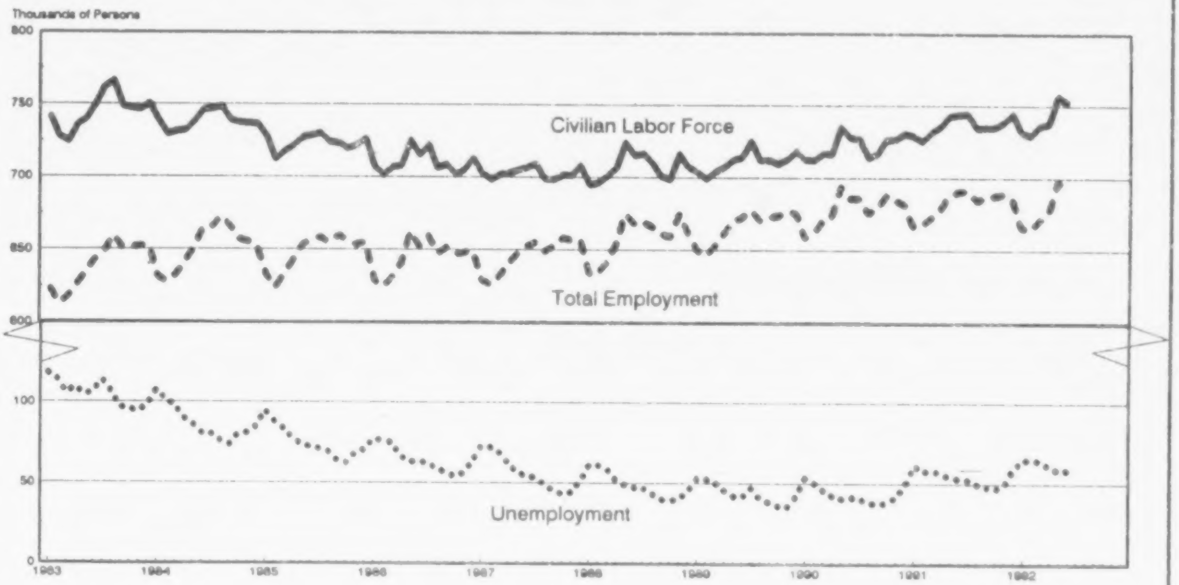
West Virginia Economic Indicators

	June 1992	*May 1992*	*June 1991*
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	41.3	40.9	41.0
Seasonally Adjusted	41.2	40.8	40.9
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,590	2,535	2,594
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$504.69	$494.48	$483.80
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	46.4	44.7	44.4
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$851.44	$814.43	$822.73
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	13,480	13,586	13,327
Seasonally Adjusted	13,365	12,517	13,213
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,112	1,076	1,135
Seasonally Adjusted	1,130	1,129	1,153
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	7,109	5,407	5,380
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,000	981	953
Seasonally Adjusted	1,340	1,281	1,277
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,804	1,701	1,617
Seasonally Adjusted	2,809	2,521	2,518
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	3.5	3.7	3.4
Seasonally Adjusted	4.1	3.9	4.0
Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted			
WV Series	8.2	7.9	7.4
BLS Series	11.4	11.5	10.8

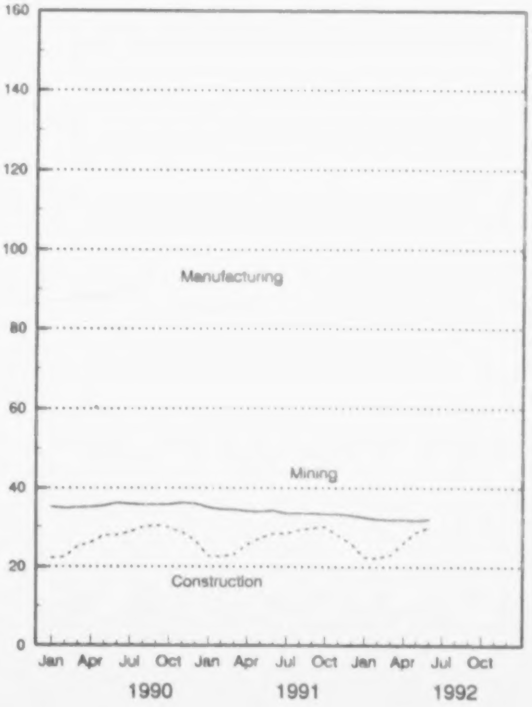
Selected National Data

	June 1992	*May 1992*	*June 1991*
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	7.8	7.2	6.9
Seasonally Adjusted	7.8	7.5	6.9
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	140.2	139.7	136.0
1967 Base	419.9	418.6	407.3
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	123.7	123.1	121.9
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	369.3	341.3	369.1
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	2.8	3.0	2.9
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.1	3.3
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	$364.34	$362.92	$357.41
Average Weekly Hours	34.6	34.4	34.7
Average Hourly Earnings	$10.53	$10.55	$10.30

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

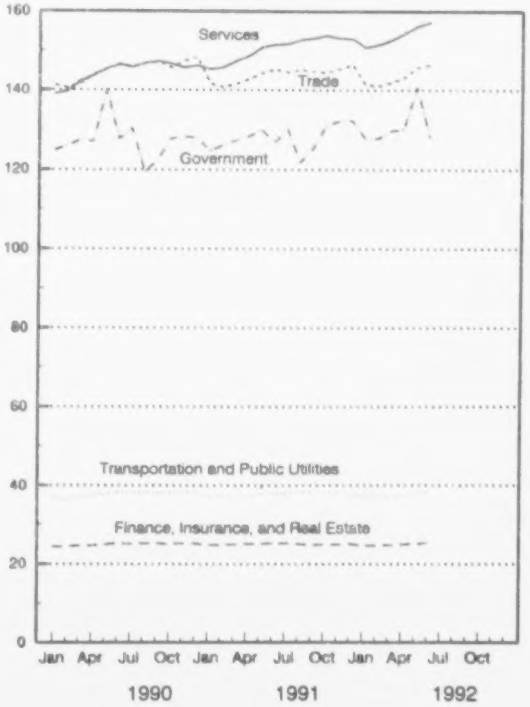


Total Employment, Unemployment and Civilian Labor Force



Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Service Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands

Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. June '92	*Revised May '92*	*Revised June '91*	*Change From:*	
				May 1992	*June 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	639.8	648.5	633.7	-8.7	6.1
PRIVATE SECTOR	511.8	507.7	506.9	4.1	4.9
GOODS-PRODUCING	144.6	142.7	146.7	1.9	-2.1
Mining	32.0	31.8	34.1	0.2	-2.1
Coal Mining	27.1	26.9	28.5	0.2	-1.4
Oil & Gas Extraction	3.9	3.9	4.6	0.0	-0.7
Other Mining	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	30.0	28.8	28.3	1.2	1.7
General Building Contractors	7.8	7.3	7.3	0.5	0.5
Heavy Construction	9.0	8.6	8.2	0.4	0.8
Special Trade Contractors	13.2	12.9	12.8	0.3	0.4
Manufacturing	82.6	82.1	84.3	0.5	-1.7
Durable Goods	45.2	45.1	46.4	0.1	-1.2
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	8.1	7.9	7.6	0.2	0.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.0	7.0	7.4	0.0	-0.4
Primary Metals Industries	13.3	13.3	13.5	0.0	-0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	5.3	5.4	5.5	-0.1	-0.2
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.7	4.7	5.6	0.0	-0.9
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.4	2.4	2.5	0.0	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.0	0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	37.4	37.0	37.9	0.4	-0.5
Food & Kindred Products	4.3	4.2	4.1	0.1	0.2
Textile Mill Products	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.8	3.8	4.1	0.0	-0.3
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	5.0	5.0	5.1	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	17.2	17.0	17.8	0.2	-0.6
Other Nondurable Goods	5.0	4.9	4.8	0.1	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	495.2	505.8	487.0	-10.6	8.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	38.3	38.0	38.1	0.3	0.2
Railroad Transportation	3.7	3.7	3.9	0.0	-0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	10.2	10.0	9.9	0.2	0.3
Other Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.0	0.0
Communications	8.2	8.2	8.2	0.0	0.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.7	12.6	12.6	0.1	0.1
Trade	146.4	145.7	145.3	0.7	1.1
Wholesale Trade	30.3	30.1	30.4	0.2	-0.1
Retail Trade	116.1	115.6	114.9	0.5	1.2
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.4	5.2	5.2	0.2	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	16.3	16.3	15.5	0.0	0.8
Food Stores	22.6	22.5	22.5	0.1	0.1
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.6	14.6	14.5	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.8	4.8	5.5	0.0	-0.7
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	36.2	36.0	35.7	0.2	0.5
Miscellaneous Retail	11.9	11.9	11.8	0.0	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	25.2	25.0	25.2	0.2	0.0
Finance	14.1	14.0	14.1	0.1	0.0
Insurance	6.8	6.8	6.8	0.0	0.0
Real Estate	4.3	4.2	4.3	0.1	0.0
Services	157.3	156.3	151.6	1.0	5.7
Agricultural Services	2.6	2.5	2.5	0.1	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.5	8.2	8.3	0.3	0.2
Personal Services	6.4	6.3	6.2	0.1	0.2
Business Services	14.9	14.7	14.2	0.2	0.7
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.9	5.9	5.6	0.0	0.3
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	7.0	6.8	6.9	0.2	0.1
Health Services	60.5	59.7	58.3	0.8	2.2
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.8	10.8	10.7	0.0	0.1
Hospitals	30.2	29.8	29.3	0.4	0.9
Other Health Services	19.5	19.1	18.3	0.4	1.2
Legal Services	4.4	4.3	4.2	0.1	0.2
Educational Services	5.1	6.0	4.9	-0.9	0.2
Social Services	13.1	13.3	12.3	-0.2	0.8
Membership Organizations	19.7	19.6	19.6	0.1	0.1
Engineering & Management Services	8.3	8.1	7.6	0.2	0.7
Government	128.0	140.8	126.8	-12.8	1.2
Federal	17.5	17.2	17.2	0.3	0.3
Hospitals	3.3	3.2	3.2	0.1	0.1
U S Postal Service	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	9.2	9.0	9.0	0.2	0.2
State	37.1	41.1	36.5	-4.0	0.6
Hospitals	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Education	14.2	19.2	14.1	-5.0	0.1
Other State	20.4	19.4	19.9	1.0	0.5
Local	73.4	82.5	73.1	-9.1	0.3
Hospitals	5.2	5.1	5.0	0.1	0.2
Education	45.2	45.1	45.6	0.1	-0.4
Other Local	23.0	32.3	22.5	-9.3	0.5
Labor-Management Dispute Status	1.8	1.8	2.0	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. *June '92*	*Revised* *May '92*	*Revised* *June '91*	*Change From:*	
				May *1992*	*June* *1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	287.4	292.4	279.7	-5.0	7.7
PRIVATE SECTOR	219.8	217.9	213.3	1.9	6.5
GOODS-PRODUCING	23.5	23.0	23.9	0.5	-0.4
Mining	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-0.1
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Construction	2.4	2.2	2.4	0.2	0.0
General Building Contractors	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.1
Heavy Construction	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.0	-0.1
Manufacturing	19.2	18.9	19.5	0.3	-0.3
Durable Goods	7.0	7.1	7.5	-0.1	-0.5
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.0	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.0	-0.2
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.8	0.9	0.8	-0.1	0.0
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	12.2	11.8	12.0	0.4	0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.1	0.2
Textile Mill Products	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.4	3.3	3.4	0.1	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	2.8	2.7	3.1	0.1	-0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.8	0.0	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	263.9	269.4	255.8	-5.5	8.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.3	8.3	8.2	0.0	0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	0.6	0.7	0.7	-0.1	-0.1
Communications	3.9	3.9	3.7	0.0	0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.5	2.4	2.5	0.1	0.0
Trade	69.8	68.9	67.7	0.9	2.1
Wholesale Trade	6.4	6.3	6.0	0.1	0.4
Retail Trade	63.4	62.6	61.7	0.8	1.7
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.5	11.6	10.7	-0.1	0.8
Food Stores	12.2	12.1	11.8	0.1	0.4
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.6	3.6	3.5	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.0	4.0	4.7	0.0	-0.7
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.6	1.5	1.4	0.1	0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	21.6	21.0	20.8	0.6	0.8
Miscellaneous Retail	7.9	7.9	7.9	0.0	0.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.9	15.7	15.8	0.2	0.1
Finance	11.1	11.0	11.1	0.1	0.0
Insurance	3.3	3.3	3.1	0.0	0.2
Real Estate	1.5	1.4	1.6	0.1	-0.1
Services	102.3	102.0	97.7	0.3	4.6
Agricultural Services	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.6	4.5	4.4	0.1	0.2
Personal Services	4.2	4.1	4.1	0.1	0.1
Business Services	7.9	7.7	6.7	0.2	1.2
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	3.4	3.3	3.1	0.1	0.3
Health Services	49.9	49.3	47.8	0.6	2.1
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.8	9.8	9.5	0.0	0.3
Hospitals	25.2	24.9	24.1	0.3	1.1
Other Health Services	14.9	14.6	14.2	0.3	0.7
Legal Services	3.4	3.4	3.3	0.0	0.1
Educational Services	2.8	3.2	2.6	-0.4	0.2
Social Services	9.5	9.8	9.1	-0.3	0.4
Membership Organizations	11.0	11.1	11.4	-0.1	-0.4
Engineering & Management Services	3.1	3.0	2.7	0.1	0.4
Government	67.6	74.5	66.4	-6.9	1.2
Federal	7.7	7.4	7.4	0.3	0.3
Hospitals	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	4.5	4.2	4.3	0.3	0.2
State	17.9	20.2	17.0	-2.3	0.9
Hospitals	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Education	7.9	10.5	6.9	-2.6	1.0
Other State	8.3	8.0	8.4	0.3	-0.1
Local	42.0	46.9	42.0	-4.9	0.0
Hospitals	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0
Education	29.5	29.2	29.9	0.3	-0.4
Other Local	8.2	13.4	7.8	-5.2	0.4

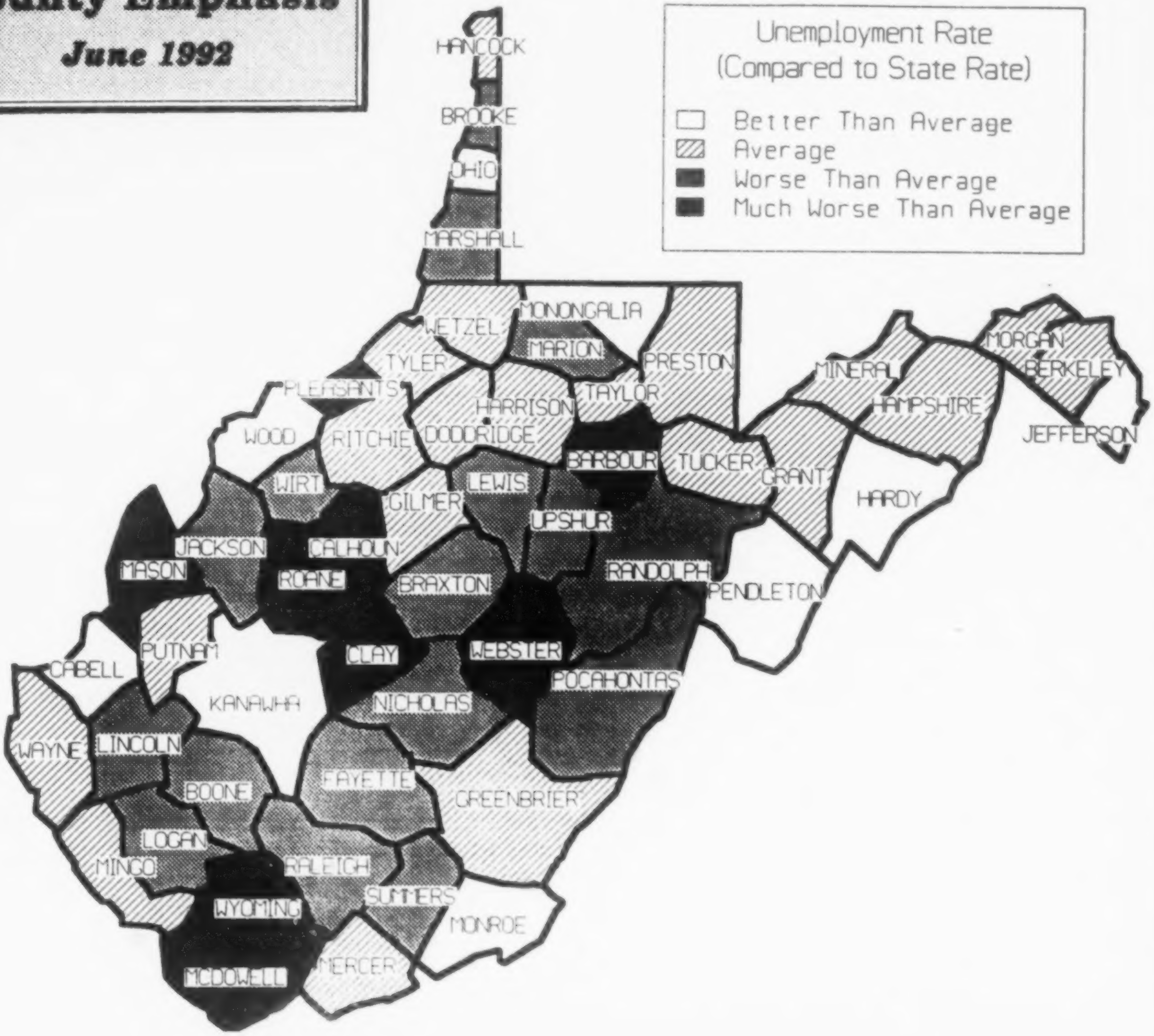
Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia
Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June'92	*May '92*	*June'91*	*June'92*	*May'92*	*June'91*	*June'92*	*May '92*	*June'91*
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	$370.33	$366.84	$366.46	36.2	36.0	36.5	$10.23	$10.19	$10.04
Mining	802.33	768.12	773.45	45.9	44.4	44.4	17.48	17.30	17.42
Coal Mining	851.44	814.43	822.73	46.4	44.7	44.4	18.35	18.22	18.53
Oil & Gas Extraction	484.79	478.08	484.20	41.4	41.5	44.3	11.71	11.52	10.93
Other Mining	492.49	469.34	509.49	46.2	45.7	45.9	10.66	10.27	11.10
Construction	579.67	560.16	538.39	38.8	37.9	39.5	14.94	14.78	13.63
Manufacturing	504.69	494.48	483.80	41.3	40.9	41.0	12.22	12.09	11.80
Durable Goods	513.57	499.70	488.04	42.2	41.4	41.5	12.17	12.07	11.76
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	307.04	312.62	295.14	40.4	40.6	40.1	7.60	7.70	7.36
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	457.33	463.17	453.15	40.4	40.7	38.5	11.32	11.38	11.77
Primary Metals Industries	670.39	678.04	626.77	42.7	44.0	42.9	15.70	15.41	14.61
Fabricated Metal Products	582.26	448.50	492.16	47.3	39.0	43.4	12.31	11.50	11.34
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	495.64	482.36	508.87	41.2	40.5	42.3	12.03	11.91	12.03
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	550.07	576.39	566.36	43.9	43.6	43.6	12.53	13.22	12.99
Transportation Equipment	588.19	530.42	519.38	44.9	41.7	45.4	13.10	12.72	11.44
Nondurable Goods	492.43	486.01	476.37	40.1	40.1	40.2	12.28	12.12	11.85
Food & Kindred Products	357.97	377.14	372.07	37.8	38.8	38.2	9.47	9.72	9.74
Textile Mill Products	278.56	263.41	279.76	39.4	37.9	40.9	7.07	6.95	6.84
Apparel & Other Textile Products	249.17	206.91	202.99	35.8	36.3	32.9	6.96	5.70	6.17
Paper & Allied Products	387.72	371.43	342.95	45.4	41.5	43.8	8.54	8.95	7.83
Printing & Publishing	319.30	317.56	357.46	33.4	34.0	36.7	9.56	9.34	9.74
Chemicals & Allied Products	772.56	769.66	720.32	45.1	44.8	44.3	17.13	17.18	16.26
Transportation & Public Utilities	517.33	517.02	516.21	42.3	42.0	41.9	12.23	12.31	12.32
Trucking & Warehousing	444.14	430.56	456.07	46.9	46.0	45.2	9.47	9.36	10.09
Communications	530.84	530.82	498.39	38.3	37.7	37.7	13.86	14.08	13.22
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	643.45	652.80	635.35	42.5	42.5	42.3	15.14	15.36	15.02
Trade	246.89	245.48	247.87	32.7	32.6	32.7	7.55	7.53	7.58
Wholesale Trade	477.92	476.68	479.08	41.2	41.2	41.3	11.60	11.57	11.60
Retail Trade	190.33	189.72	189.71	30.6	30.6	30.5	6.22	6.20	6.22
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	273.88	269.96	261.70	40.1	39.7	40.2	6.83	6.80	6.51
General Merchandise Stores	201.39	202.40	202.71	30.7	30.9	30.3	6.56	6.55	6.69
Food Stores	201.90	197.34	186.10	31.4	30.5	29.4	6.43	6.47	6.33
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	267.84	269.01	298.32	36.0	36.5	38.1	7.44	7.37	7.83
Apparel & Accessory Stores	138.72	146.78	146.00	27.2	28.5	27.6	5.10	5.15	5.29
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	280.87	277.79	305.47	37.3	36.6	37.9	7.53	7.59	8.06
Eating & Drinking Places	134.03	132.47	128.64	26.7	26.6	26.8	5.02	4.98	4.80
Miscellaneous Retail	191.57	197.12	196.81	29.7	30.8	30.8	6.45	6.40	6.39
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	307.93	313.04	315.28	36.1	36.4	37.4	8.53	8.60	8.43
Finance	257.34	262.44	260.51	35.3	36.0	36.9	7.29	7.29	7.06
Insurance	440.83	438.33	452.76	38.3	37.4	38.5	11.51	11.72	11.76
Real Estate	294.30	308.19	314.16	35.5	36.3	37.4	8.29	8.49	8.40
Services	284.43	289.67	284.28	33.7	33.8	34.5	8.44	8.57	8.24
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	244.45	263.24	270.77	31.1	32.7	32.9	7.86	8.05	8.23
Personal Services	225.13	232.65	220.44	32.3	33.0	33.4	6.97	7.05	6.60
Business Services	235.39	238.86	237.32	33.2	33.5	34.0	7.09	7.13	6.98
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	314.24	338.05	339.47	38.7	39.4	39.2	8.12	8.58	8.66
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	173.20	176.88	166.01	28.3	28.3	27.9	6.12	6.25	5.95
Health Services	332.50	337.82	323.88	36.7	36.6	37.4	9.06	9.23	8.66
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	191.22	193.19	197.46	32.8	32.8	34.4	5.83	5.89	5.74
Hospitals	399.96	407.40	385.14	39.6	38.8	39.1	10.10	10.50	9.85
Other Health Services	300.76	306.59	294.67	34.1	35.2	36.2	8.82	8.71	8.14
Legal Services	406.83	414.26	426.62	38.2	38.5	38.4	10.65	10.76	11.11
Social Services	206.71	208.38	192.82	29.7	30.2	31.0	6.96	6.90	6.22
Engineering & Management Services	414.36	426.97	405.88	36.0	36.4	36.5	11.51	11.73	11.12

The above figures represent the hours and earnings of more than 400,000 private sector production and nonsupervisory workers in West Virginia. Comparable totals for the United States appear at the bottom of page 3. Additional industry detail for the United States and for other states is available upon request.

County Emphasis

June 1992


Unemployment Rate
(Compared to State Rate)
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MONONGALIA
MARION
PRESTON
TYLER
PLEASANTS
TAYLOR
HARRISON
MINERAL
MORGAN
BERKELEY
HAMPSHIRE
JEFFERSON
WOOD
RITCHIE
DODDRIDGE
BARBOUR
TUCKER
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HARDY
WIRT
GILMER
LEWIS
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JACKSON
CALHOUN
MASON
ROANE
BRAXTON
RANDOLPH
PENDLETON
PUTNAM
CABELL
CLAY
WEBSTER
POCAHONTAS
KANAWHA
NICHOLAS
WAYNE
LINCOLN
BOONE
FAYETTE
GREENBRIER
LOGAN
MINGO
RALEIGH
SUMMERS
WYOMING
MONROE
MCDOWELL
MERCER

Although the private sector provided a boost in jobs in industries such as construction, manufacturing, mining, trade, and services, during June 1992, the exclusion of 10,400 primary election poll workers in the public sector from the job tally propelled a majority of counties to slightly higher unemployment rates as a result. In addition, a number of counties continue to battle double-digit unemployment rates and several possess rates considered much worse than average. Included within this group are Wyoming (12.0), Pleasants (12.0), Mason (12.3), Clay (12.9), Roane (13.4), Calhoun (13.4), Barbour (14.3), McDowell (14.8), and Webster (16.3).

A comparison of the number of jobs in June 1992 to June 1991 features constructive growth, with the private sector maintaining the stimulus. This favorable economic push permitted several counties to record unemployment rates considered better than average as compared to the state rate. Counties in this group are Jefferson (6.6), Wood (6.3), Cabell (6.2), Monroe (5.8), Kanawha (5.7), Ohio (5.5), Monongalia (4.4), Hardy (4.1), and Pendleton (3.2).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

June 1992

(Revised May 1992 in parentheses)

These Labor Force Statistics Were Designed To Be Used For Economic Analysis

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,220	(4,420)	3,620	(3,720)	600	(700)	14.3	(15.9)
Berkeley	31,100	(31,000)	28,860	(28,770)	2,240	(2,230)	7.2	(7.2)
Boone	8,740	(8,700)	7,790	(7,780)	950	(920)	10.8	(10.6)
Braxton	5,250	(5,350)	4,640	(4,690)	610	(660)	11.6	(12.3)
Brooke	10,320	(10,170)	9,330	(9,290)	990	(890)	9.5	(8.7)
Cabell	43,540	(43,960)	40,850	(41,260)	2,690	(2,700)	6.2	(6.1)
Calhoun	2,780	(2,870)	2,410	(2,440)	370	(430)	13.4	(14.9)
Clay	3,190	(3,350)	2,780	(2,970)	410	(380)	12.9	(11.4)
Doddridge	2,450	(2,530)	2,280	(2,320)	180	(210)	7.2	(8.1)
Fayette	17,150	(17,330)	15,570	(15,650)	1,580	(1,680)	9.2	(9.7)
Gilmer	2,980	(2,970)	2,730	(2,710)	250	(260)	8.4	(8.8)
Grant	4,860	(4,910)	4,480	(4,540)	380	(370)	7.8	(7.5)
Greenbrier	15,380	(15,200)	14,320	(14,020)	1,060	(1,180)	6.9	(7.8)
Hampshire	7,250	(7,130)	6,710	(6,530)	540	(590)	7.5	(8.3)
Hancock	13,550	(13,300)	12,500	(12,440)	1,050	(860)	7.8	(6.5)
Hardy	6,190	(5,850)	5,940	(5,640)	250	(220)	4.1	(3.7)
Harrison	30,230	(30,770)	27,870	(28,460)	2,360	(2,310)	7.8	(7.5)
Jackson	9,820	(10,000)	8,790	(8,900)	1,020	(1,100)	10.4	(11.0)
Jefferson	18,280	(18,540)	17,060	(17,160)	1,220	(1,380)	6.6	(7.5)
Kanawha	100,000	(100,220)	94,300	(94,390)	5,710	(5,830)	5.7	(5.8)
Lewis	7,520	(7,550)	6,840	(6,880)	680	(670)	9.1	(8.8)
Lincoln	8,060	(8,210)	7,270	(7,420)	790	(780)	9.8	(9.6)
Logan	13,500	(13,510)	12,140	(12,190)	1,350	(1,320)	10.0	(9.7)
McDowell	6,770	(6,700)	5,770	(5,760)	1,000	(940)	14.8	(14.0)
Marion	22,700	(22,730)	20,030	(20,270)	2,670	(2,460)	11.8	(10.8)
Marshall	14,950	(15,010)	13,490	(13,530)	1,460	(1,470)	9.8	(9.8)
Mason	9,980	(9,650)	8,750	(8,450)	1,230	(1,200)	12.3	(12.4)
Mercer	26,600	(26,670)	24,510	(24,670)	2,090	(1,990)	7.8	(7.5)
Mineral	10,970	(10,790)	10,140	(10,060)	830	(720)	7.6	(6.7)
Mingo	12,100	(12,150)	11,060	(11,330)	1,030	(820)	8.5	(6.7)
Monongalia	40,410	(42,020)	38,650	(40,330)	1,760	(1,690)	4.4	(4.0)
Monroe	5,350	(5,190)	5,040	(4,940)	310	(250)	5.8	(4.9)
Morgan	5,360	(5,470)	4,990	(5,050)	370	(420)	6.9	(7.6)
Nicholas	8,860	(9,020)	7,810	(7,900)	1,050	(1,130)	11.9	(12.5)
Ohio	24,190	(24,240)	22,850	(22,930)	1,330	(1,310)	5.5	(5.4)
Pendleton	4,080	(3,980)	3,950	(3,850)	130	(130)	3.2	(3.2)
Pleasants	2,210	(2,230)	1,950	(1,980)	270	(260)	12.0	(11.4)
Pocahontas	4,320	(4,460)	3,820	(3,950)	500	(510)	11.7	(11.4)
Preston	12,930	(13,450)	12,040	(12,560)	890	(890)	6.9	(6.6)
Putnam	17,120	(17,280)	15,820	(15,830)	1,310	(1,440)	7.6	(8.4)
Raleigh	28,970	(28,780)	26,350	(26,160)	2,620	(2,620)	9.1	(9.1)
Randolph	12,200	(12,070)	10,990	(10,880)	1,200	(1,190)	9.9	(9.8)
Ritchie	5,420	(5,510)	4,960	(5,000)	450	(500)	8.3	(9.1)
Roane	4,970	(5,070)	4,310	(4,400)	670	(670)	13.4	(13.1)
Summers	4,380	(4,220)	3,940	(3,780)	440	(440)	10.0	(10.5)
Taylor	5,950	(6,040)	5,460	(5,580)	480	(460)	8.1	(7.6)
Tucker	4,040	(3,950)	3,730	(3,650)	300	(300)	7.5	(7.6)
Tyler	4,850	(4,810)	4,480	(4,500)	370	(310)	7.6	(6.4)
Upshur	8,010	(8,330)	7,130	(7,400)	890	(940)	11.1	(11.2)
Wayne	15,890	(15,990)	14,660	(14,800)	1,240	(1,190)	7.8	(7.4)
Webster	3,060	(3,020)	2,560	(2,590)	500	(440)	16.3	(14.4)
Wetzel	9,540	(9,490)	8,760	(8,800)	780	(690)	8,2	(7.3)
Wirt	2,070	(2,020)	1,840	(1,800)	230	(220)	11.1	(10.9)
Wood	41,650	(41,630)	39,020	(39,030)	2,630	(2,610)	6.3	(6.3)
Wyoming	6,760	(6,650)	5,940	(5,920)	810	(740)	12.0	(11.1)
Statewide	753,000	(756,400)	693,900	(697,800)	59,100	(58,600)	7.9	(7.7)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

June 1992

(Revised May 1992 in parentheses)

Approved by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to Allocate Federal Funds
and Determine Eligibility for Federal Assistance Programs

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,560	(4,800)	3,670	(3,740)	890	(1,060)	19.5	(22.1)
Berkeley	32,570	(32,310)	29,270	(28,940)	3,300	(3,370)	10.1	(10.4)
Boone	9,290	(9,210)	7,900	(7,830)	1,390	(1,390)	15.0	(15.1)
Braxton	5,610	(5,710)	4,710	(4,710)	900	(1,000)	16.0	(17.4)
Brooke	10,920	(10,680)	9,470	(9,340)	1,450	(1,340)	13.3	(12.6)
Cabell	45,390	(45,580)	41,430	(41,500)	3,960	(4,080)	8.7	(9.0)
Calhoun	2,990	(3,100)	2,440	(2,450)	550	(650)	18.3	(20.8)
Clay	3,420	(3,560)	2,820	(2,990)	600	(580)	17.7	(16.2)
Doddridge	2,570	(2,650)	2,310	(2,340)	260	(310)	10.1	(11.8)
Fayette	18,120	(18,280)	15,790	(15,750)	2,330	(2,530)	12.8	(13.9)
Gilmer	3,140	(3,130)	2,770	(2,730)	370	(400)	11.7	(12.7)
Grant	5,100	(5,120)	4,540	(4,570)	560	(550)	11.0	(10.8)
Greenbrier	16,090	(15,890)	14,520	(14,110)	1,560	(1,780)	9.7	(11.2)
Hampshire	7,600	(7,470)	6,800	(6,570)	800	(900)	10.5	(12.0)
Hancock	14,230	(13,820)	12,680	(12,510)	1,550	(1,310)	10.9	(9.4)
Hardy	6,390	(6,000)	6,020	(5,670)	370	(330)	5.8	(5.5)
Harrison	31,730	(32,120)	28,270	(28,630)	3,460	(3,490)	10.9	(10.9)
Jackson	10,420	(10,610)	8,920	(8,960)	1,500	(1,650)	14.4	(15.6)
Jefferson	19,090	(19,350)	17,310	(17,260)	1,790	(2,090)	9.4	(10.8)
Kanawha	104,030	(103,770)	95,640	(94,960)	8,390	(8,810)	8.1	(8.5)
Lewis	7,940	(7,930)	6,930	(6,920)	1,010	(1,010)	12.7	(12.7)
Lincoln	8,540	(8,650)	7,370	(7,470)	1,170	(1,180)	13.7	(13.7)
Logan	14,310	(14,260)	12,320	(12,270)	1,990	(1,990)	13.9	(13.9)
McDowell	7,330	(7,210)	5,850	(5,790)	1,470	(1,420)	20.1	(19.6)
Marion	24,240	(24,110)	20,310	(20,390)	3,920	(3,710)	16.2	(15.4)
Marshall	15,830	(15,840)	13,680	(13,610)	2,150	(2,230)	13.6	(14.1)
Mason	10,690	(10,310)	8,880	(8,500)	1,810	(1,810)	16.9	(17.5)
Mercer	27,930	(27,830)	24,860	(24,820)	3,070	(3,010)	11.0	(10.8)
Mineral	11,510	(11,220)	10,280	(10,120)	1,220	(1,090)	10.6	(9.7)
Mingo	12,740	(12,630)	11,220	(11,400)	1,520	(1,240)	11.9	(9.8)
Monongalia	41,790	(43,120)	39,200	(40,570)	2,590	(2,550)	6.2	(5.9)
Monroe	5,570	(5,350)	5,120	(4,970)	460	(380)	8.2	(7.1)
Morgan	5,600	(5,710)	5,060	(5,080)	550	(630)	9.8	(11.0)
Nicholas	9,460	(9,640)	7,920	(7,940)	1,550	(1,700)	16.3	(17.6)
Ohio	25,140	(25,050)	23,180	(23,060)	1,960	(1,980)	7.8	(7.9)
Pendleton	4,200	(4,070)	4,000	(3,870)	190	(190)	4.6	(4.8)
Pleasants	2,370	(2,370)	1,980	(1,990)	390	(390)	16.4	(16.2)
Pocahontas	4,610	(4,740)	3,870	(3,970)	740	(770)	16.1	(16.2)
Preston	13,520	(13,980)	12,210	(12,640)	1,310	(1,340)	9.7	(9.6)
Putnam	17,960	(18,110)	16,040	(15,930)	1,920	(2,180)	10.7	(12.0)
Raleigh	30,580	(30,270)	26,720	(26,310)	3,860	(3,960)	12.6	(13.1)
Randolph	12,920	(12,740)	11,150	(10,950)	1,770	(1,790)	13.7	(14.1)
Ritchie	5,700	(5,790)	5,030	(5,030)	660	(760)	11.7	(13.1)
Roane	5,350	(5,430)	4,370	(4,430)	980	(1,010)	18.3	(18.5)
Summers	4,640	(4,470)	4,000	(3,800)	640	(670)	13.9	(15.0)
Taylor	6,250	(6,310)	5,540	(5,610)	710	(690)	11.3	(11.0)
Tucker	4,230	(4,130)	3,790	(3,670)	450	(460)	10.5	(11.1)
Tyler	5,090	(4,990)	4,550	(4,530)	540	(470)	10.6	(9.3)
Upshur	8,530	(8,860)	7,230	(7,440)	1,300	(1,410)	15.3	(16.0)
Wayne	16,680	(16,680)	14,860	(14,890)	1,820	(1,800)	10.9	(10.8)
Webster	3,330	(3,260)	2,600	(2,610)	730	(660)	22.0	(20.1)
Wetzel	10,040	(9,900)	8,890	(8,850)	1,150	(1,040)	11.4	(10.5)
Wirt	2,200	(2,150)	1,860	(1,810)	340	(330)	15.3	(15.5)
Wood	43,440	(43,200)	39,580	(39,260)	3,870	(3,940)	8.9	(9.1)
Wyoming	7,220	(7,070)	6,030	(5,950)	1,190	(1,110)	16.5	(15.8)
Statewide	790,700	(790,500)	703,700	(702,000)	87,000	(88,500)	11.0	(11.2)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

Partnership for Progress Area Unemployment Rates

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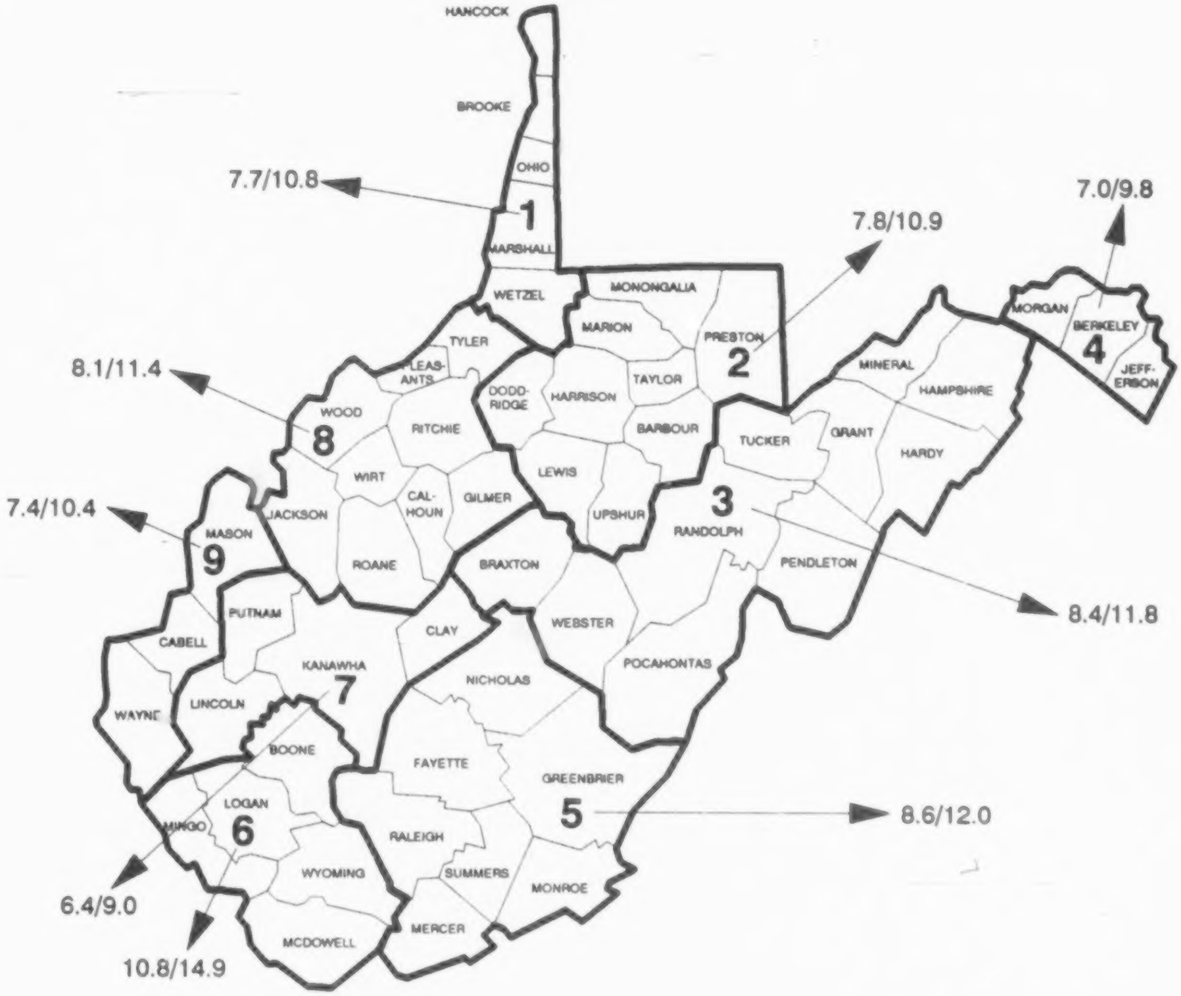
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BERKELEY
4
JEFF-ERSON
MINERAL
HAMPSHIRE
TYLER
PLEAS-ANTS
8.1/11.4
WOOD
8
RITCHIE
DODD-RIDGE
HARRISON
BARBOUR
TUCKER
GRANT
HARDY
WIRT
LEWIS
CAL-HOUN
GILMER
UPSHUR
3
RANDOLPH
7.4/10.4
MASON
9
JACKSON
ROANE
BRAXTON
PENDLETON
8.4/11.8
PUTNAM
CABELL
CLAY
WEBSTER
POCAHONTAS
KANAWHA
7
LINCOLN
WAYNE
NICHOLAS
BOONE
FAYETTE
GREENBRIER
LOGAN
5
8.6/12.0
MINGO
6
RALEIGH
WYOMING
SUMMERS
MONROE
6.4/9.0
MERCER
MCDOWELL
10.8/14.9

Job gains in the private sector in a generally wide range of businesses, provided a positive economic influence throughout the state during June 1992. However, the loss of 10,400 primary election poll workers in the public sector and the inclusion of recent high school and college graduates in the job search picture, compelled the Partnership Areas to endure a mixture of declines and increases in the unemployment rate. Of the Partnership Areas posting gains in the West Virginia series unemployment rate, Area 6 recorded the greatest expansion (+0.9) followed by Area 1 (+0.5), Area 2 (+0.3), Area 3 (+0.1), and Area 9(+0.1). Conversely, Area 4 rendered the most significant contraction in the unemployment rate (-0.3) while Area 5, 7, and 8 all shrank by one-tenth. The highest rate was recorded by Area 6 (10.8) while the lowest was posted by Area 7 (6.4).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. June '92	*Revised May '92*	*Revised June '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	117.1	117.5	115.8
Employment	110.1	110.2	109.7
Unemployment	7.0	7.3	6.1
Rate (%)	6.0	6.2	5.3
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	127.0	127.8	127.3
Employment	120.0	121.0	120.4
Unemployment	7.0	6.9	6.9
Rate (%)	5.5	5.4	5.4
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	70.7	70.5	70.1
Employment	66.8	66.7	66.6
Unemployment	3.9	3.8	3.6
Rate (%)	5.5	5.5	5.1
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	68.9	69.1	68.5
Employment	65.0	65.1	65.5
Unemployment	4.0	4.0	2.9
Rate (%)	5.7	5.8	4.3
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	38.6	39.3	37.4
Employment	35.6	36.4	34.9
Unemployment	3.0	3.0	2.5
Rate (%)	7.8	7.6	6.8
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.9	12.0	11.9
Employment	10.4	10.5	10.4
Unemployment	1.5	1.6	1.5
Rate (%)	13.0	13.0	12.4
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	53.3	55.5	51.4
Employment	50.7	52.9	49.2
Unemployment	2.7	2.6	2.2
Rate (%)	5.0	4.6	4.3
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.4	14.3	14.5
Employment	13.2	13.3	13.5
Unemployment	1.1	1.0	1.0
Rate (%)	8.0	7.0	6.7
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.7	20.4	21.1
Employment	19.4	19.0	19.7
Unemployment	1.4	1.4	1.4
Rate (%)	6.6	7.0	6.7

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. June '92	*Revised May '92*	*Revised June '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	122.0	121.9	123.2
Employment	111.7	110.9	113.6
Unemployment	10.3	11.0	9.6
Rate (%)	8.5	9.0	7.8
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	132.7	132.0	134.3
Employment	120.4	120.8	122.1
Unemployment	12.3	11.2	12.3
Rate (%)	9.2	8.5	9.1
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	74.8	74.5	74.8
Employment	68.2	68.0	68.9
Unemployment	6.6	6.5	5.9
Rate (%)	8.9	8.7	7.9
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	73.0	73.1	72.6
Employment	66.4	66.4	67.8
Unemployment	6.6	6.7	4.9
Rate (%)	9.1	9.2	6.7
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	40.5	41.1	40.2
Employment	36.1	36.6	36.1
Unemployment	4.4	4.5	4.0
Rate (%)	10.9	10.9	10.0
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.8	12.9	13.1
Employment	10.5	10.5	10.8
Unemployment	2.3	2.4	2.3
Rate (%)	17.8	18.3	17.8
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	55.3	57.1	54.4
Employment	51.4	53.2	50.9
Unemployment	3.9	3.9	3.5
Rate (%)	7.1	6.8	6.5
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	15.1	14.9	15.5
Employment	13.4	13.4	14.0
Unemployment	1.7	1.5	1.5
Rate (%)	11.2	10.1	9.9
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.7	21.2	22.7
Employment	19.6	19.1	20.4
Unemployment	2.0	2.2	2.2
Rate (%)	9.3	10.2	9.9

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment recorded a slight decline (-100) during June 1992 in the Charleston MSA. However, the nonfarm figure in real terms actually advanced by approximately 1,100 jobs due to the May 1992's over-inflated job count (+1,200) caused by the inclusion of temporary election (poll) workers. The local goods-producing sector increased by 400, particularly in construction (+300). The service-producing sector actually grew by 700 jobs, when the election workers are factored out of local government. Only slight monthly gains were recorded in total government (+300), retail trade (+200), services (+100), and transportation and public utilities (+100). Comparison with year-ago June 1991 figures reveals an overall increase of 500 jobs. Services advanced by 700 over the year in the service-producing sector, with little or no change in other member industries. The goods-producing sector remained unchanged over the year. Construction advanced by 200, while mining declined by 300 jobs.

Unemployment: Total resident-based unemployment decreased by 300 persons during June 1992, with the corresponding unemployment rate declining to 6.0 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year ago June 1991 indicates total unemployed up by 900, with the rate increasing from 5.3 percent to the current 6.0 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands · Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. June '92	*Revised May '92*	*Revised June '91*
Labor Force	117.1	117.5	115.8
Employment	110.1	110.2	109.7
Unemployment	7.0	7.3	6.1
Rate (%)	6.0	6.2	5.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands · Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. June '92	*Revised May '92*	*Revised June '91*
Labor Force	122.0	121.9	123.2
Employment	111.7	110.9	113.6
Unemployment	10.3	11.0	9.6
Rate (%)	8.5	9.0	7.8

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June'92	*May'92*	*June'91*	*June '92*	*May '92*	*June '91*	*June '92*	*May '92*	*June '91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	113.7	113.8	113.2	—			—		
PRIVATE SECTOR	93.5	92.7	93.0	37.1	37.0	37.2	9.89	10.01	9.90
GOODS-PRODUCING	18.1	17.7	18.1						
Mining	2.1	2.1	2.4						
Construction	5.5	5.2	5.3						
Manufacturing	10.5	10.4	10.4	44.9	43.8	43.1	14.43	14.80	14.03
Durable Goods	1.9	1.8	1.7	45.3	47.1	39.3	10.45	11.10	11.48
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.6	8.7	44.8	42.8	44.1	15.68	15.97	14.62
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.2	7.2	7.3	47.7	45.5	46.0	17.32	17.65	16.00
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	35.5	34.0	38.0	8.72	8.78	9.33
SERVICE-PRODUCING	95.6	96.1	95.1						
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.8	8.7	8.9						
Trade	28.5	28.3	28.5	33.2	33.3	33.5	7.77	7.84	7.72
Wholesale Trade	7.1	7.1	7.2	42.1	41.6	40.7	10.41	10.84	10.52
Retail Trade	21.4	21.2	21.3	30.5	30.9	31.2	6.68	6.62	6.60
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	4.1	4.2	4.3	30.3	30.9	30.6	7.04	7.13	7.32
Food Stores	3.9	3.9	3.8	29.0	28.5	28.2	6.48	6.45	6.27
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	2.5	2.5	2.5	35.8	36.2	37.7	8.51	8.09	8.83
Eating & Drinking Places	6.8	6.6	6.8	28.2	28.2	28.3	5.37	5.34	5.14
Other Retail Trade	4.1	4.0	3.9						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.5	6.5	6.6	37.2	37.8	37.7	8.58	8.80	9.18
Finance	2.9	2.9	2.9						
Insurance	2.6	2.6	2.6						
Real Estate	1.0	1.0	1.1						
Services	31.6	31.5	30.9	36.2	36.5	37.5	8.87	9.03	8.98
Personal & Business Services	5.3	5.3	5.0	33.5	33.2	33.6	6.21	6.34	6.52
Health Services	11.8	11.8	11.5	42.2	42.9	43.4	9.46	9.55	9.48
Social Services	2.1	2.2	2.0						
Membership Organizations	3.9	3.9	3.9						
Other Services	8.5	8.3	8.5						
Government	20.2	21.1	20.2						
Federal	2.1	2.1	2.1						
State	9.3	9.3	9.2						
Local	8.8	9.7	8.9						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.3						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment declined by 1,300 during June 1992 in the Huntington MSA. However, the May 1992 total was inflated by 700 election (poll) workers, which is considered temporary employment. As a result the total nonfarm payroll decline was actually 600 jobs. The local goods-producing sector fell only slightly (-100), as manufacturing declined by 200 jobs. Mining recorded a slight increase (+100) The service-producing sector actually fell by only 500 jobholders. Total government declined by 500 in real terms, with state government declining seasonally (-500). The over-the-year comparison with June 1991 indicates a slight decline of 300 jobs, totally in the service-producing industries (-300).

Unemployment: Unemployment in the Huntington MSA increased by 100 over the month to 7,000 persons. This represents and increase of 100 over the year as well, with the unemployment rate moving accordingly from 5.4 percent to 5.5 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. June '92	*Revised May '92*	*Revised June '91*
Labor Force	127.0	127.8	127.3
Employment	120.0	121.0	120.4
Unemployment	7.0	6.9	6.9
Rate (%)	5.5	5.4	5.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. June '92	*Revised May '92*	*Revised June '91*
Labor Force	132.7	132.0	134.3
Employment	120.4	120.8	122.1
Unemployment	12.3	11.2	12.3
Rate (%)	9.2	8.5	9.1

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '92	*May '92*	*June '91*	*June '92*	*May '92*	*June '91*	*June '92*	*May '92*	*June '91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	110.9	112.2	111.2						
PRIVATE SECTOR	92.0	92.1	92.0	35.5	35.9	35.7	10.44	10.41	9.96
GOODS-PRODUCING	26.4	26.5	26.4						
Mining	1.7	1.6	1.6						
Construction	4.9	4.9	4.7						
Manufacturing	19.8	20.0	20.1	41.1	41.0	40.8	14.28	14.20	14.04
Durable Goods	11.4	11.5	11.4	41.0	39.7	40.9	15.13	14.79	14.92
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.4	37.7	38.9	42.8	12.67	12.49	12.94
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.1	7.2	7.4	40.7	39.5	41.1	17.00	16.61	16.70
Other Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	2.6						
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.5	8.7	41.4	42.9	40.7	13.05	13.41	12.80
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.6	1.7	39.0	38.5	34.9	6.81	6.75	7.41
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.4	4.4	4.5	43.1	45.8	42.4	16.84	17.18	16.30
Other Nondurable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.5						
SERVICE-PRODUCING	84.5	85.7	84.8						
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.3	7.2	8.0						
Trade	27.6	27.7	27.8	31.9	32.2	31.5	7.27	7.13	7.34
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.4	5.6	38.6	39.6	38.5	10.51	10.23	10.82
Retail Trade	22.1	22.3	22.2	30.4	30.5	29.9	6.37	6.25	6.36
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	4.9	4.9	4.6	29.5	29.9	29.2	6.74	6.51	6.47
Food Stores	3.6	3.7	3.8	31.1	29.6	28.5	6.51	6.51	6.18
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	2.3	2.4	2.4	35.5	36.0	35.5	7.42	7.31	7.95
Eating & Drinking Places	7.1	7.1	7.1	26.4	26.7	26.0	5.27	5.24	5.00
Other Retail Trade	4.2	4.2	4.3						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.9	37.5	37.1	38.6	7.70	7.66	7.40
Services	26.8	26.8	25.9	33.8	34.0	34.1	9.41	9.52	8.63
Personal & Business Services	3.6	3.7	3.6						
Health Services	11.2	11.2	10.8	34.1	34.8	35.9	10.59	11.04	10.46
Government	18.9	20.1	19.2						
Federal	3.1	3.1	3.0						
State	4.1	4.6	4.4						
Local	11.7	12.4	11.8						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

Employment: Based on the May 1992 total nonfarm payroll employment figure for the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA, the June nonfarm employment declined 100. However, if the approximate 500 primary election poll workers are subtracted from the May total, nonfarm payroll employment in June actually gained 400. Goods-producing businesses were unchanged for the month. A moderate boost in construction (+100) was offset by a mild retreat in manufacturing (-100). In the service-producing sector gains were registered in trade (+100), finance, insurance and real estate (+100) and services (+300) with transportation and public utilities posting a slight decrease (-100). Compared to June 1991, total nonfarm payroll employment realized an increase of 200 jobs in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. Good-producing employment during the twelve month period dropped 700. Losses were recorded in construction (-300) and manufacturing (-400). By contrast, service-producing employment expanded by 900 over the year. Increases were recorded in trade (+100), finance, insurance, and real estate (+100), services (+ 600), and government (+200). The single decline occurred in transportation and public utilities (-100).

Unemployment: Although the number of unemployed in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA advanced by 100 during June 1992, the unemployment rate prevailed at 5.5 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to June 1991 the unemployment rate increased from 5.1 to 5.5 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. June '92	*Revised May '92*	*Revised June '91*
Labor Force	70.7	70.5	70.1
Employment	66.8	66.7	66.6
Unemployment	3.9	3.8	3.6
Rate (%)	5.5	5.5	5.1

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. June '92	*Revised May '92*	*Revised June '91*
Labor Force	74.8	74.5	74.8
Employment	68.2	68.0	68.9
Unemployment	6.6	6.5	5.9
Rate (%)	8.9	8.7	7.9

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '92	*May '92*	*June '91*	*June '92*	*May '92*	*June '91*	*June '92*	*May'92*	*June '91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	62.5	62.6	62.3						
PRIVATE SECTOR	52.2	51.8	52.2	35.6	34.8	34.9	10.46	10.23	10.14
GOODS-PRODUCING	16.9	16.9	17.6						
Mining	0.4	0.4	0.4						
Construction	2.7	2.6	3.0						
Manufacturing	13.8	13.9	14.2	45.2	41.5	43.0	14.96	14.42	14.16
Durable Goods	6.6	6.8	6.9	46.0	38.3	42.0	13.12	12.57	12.69
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.9	0.9	0.9	38.9	34.7	38.2	8.79	8.94	9.09
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.5	1.6	1.8	43.1	43.3	42.5	13.26	13.06	13.48
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.8	2.9	2.8	50.5	34.8	44.5	14.49	13.64	13.64
Other Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4						
Nondurable Goods	7.2	7.1	7.3	44.3	45.6	44.2	17.25	16.36	15.74
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.3	5.2	5.5	44.9	45.5	44.6	19.17	18.04	17.10
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8						
SERVICE-PRODUCING	45.6	45.7	44.7						
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.6	2.7	2.7						
Trade	14.9	14.8	14.8	32.6	32.7	31.7	6.94	7.15	7.11
Wholesale Trade	3.0	2.9	2.9	40.9	42.3	41.2	9.25	9.12	9.21
Retail Trade	11.9	11.9	11.9	30.7	30.6	29.5	6.25	6.55	6.44
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	2.2	2.2	2.2	29.3	30.1	30.4	6.68	6.67	6.90
Food Stores	2.1	2.2	2.2	32.3	30.5	28.4	6.79	7.04	6.82
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	1.7	1.6	1.6	42.7	42.4	39.1	6.96	8.52	8.53
Eating & Drinking Places	3.7	3.7	3.7	24.8	25.0	25.2	4.76	4.77	4.61
Other Retail Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.4	2.3	2.3	30.6	31.9	31.0	7.16	6.98	6.89
Services	15.4	15.1	14.8	31.9	31.7	30.7	8.14	8.19	7.91
Personal & Business Services	3.7	3.5	3.5	33.2	33.7	34.4	7.38	7.49	7.15
Health Services	4.8	4.8	4.7	32.1	32.2	32.2	9.20	9.16	8.83
Other Services	6.9	6.8	6.6						
Government	10.3	10.8	10.1						
Federal	2.0	1.9	1.9						
State	1.0	1.1	1.0						
Local	7.3	7.8	7.2						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment experienced a slight decrease of 200 during June in the Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area; however, if the approximately 500 election workers are removed from the May total, total nonfarm payroll actually increased 300. The goods-producing sector's increase of 500 nicely offset the actual loss of 200 jobs in the service-producing sector. Small increases were visible in mining (+200), construction (+200), and manufacturing (+100). While trade showed an increase (+300), both services (-100) and government (-400) showed declines. Comparison with year-ago June figures shows a loss of 500 jobs in total nonfarm payroll employment. While the goods-producing sector suffered a major decline (-800), service-producing industries experienced a slight increase (+300). Losses occurred in mining (-100), construction (-100), manufacturing (-600), trade (-200), and government (-200). Over the year advances occurred in finance, insurance, & real estate (+100) and services (+600). No labor-management disputes were recorded for June 1992.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment for the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA remained unchanged for the month of June. The unemployment rate slipped to 5.7 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data indicates an increase of 1,100 unemployed over the year with the unemployment rate advancing from 4.3 percent to the current 5.7 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. June '92	*Revised May '92*	*Revised June '91*
Labor Force	68.9	69.1	68.5
Employment	65.0	65.1	65.5
Unemployment	4.0	4.0	2.9
Rate (%)	5.7	5.8	4.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. June '92	*Revised May '92*	*Revised June '91*
Labor Force	73.0	73.1	72.6
Employment	66.4	66.4	67.8
Unemployment	6.6	6.7	4.9
Rate (%)	9.1	9.2	6.7

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '92	*May '92*	*June '91*	*June '92*	*May '92*	*June '91*	*June '92*	*May '92*	*June '91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	60.2	60.4	60.7						
PRIVATE SECTOR	50.8	50.1	51.1	35.0	33.7	35.1	9.40	9.77	9.86
GOODS-PRODUCING	10.9	10.4	11.7						
Mining	2.1	1.9	2.2	43.8	43.8	43.8	19.29	19.29	19.50
Construction	1.9	1.7	2.0						
Manufacturing	6.9	6.8	7.5	38.2	38.8	42.3	14.42	14.44	14.75
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	3.0	34.9	35.0	41.7	13.13	13.41	14.02
Nondurable Goods	4.2	4.1	4.5	40.9	42.1	42.8	15.33	15.17	15.33
SERVICE-PRODUCING	49.3	50.0	49.0						
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.3	3.3						
Trade	15.4	15.1	15.6	31.7	31.7	31.7	6.97	7.10	7.09
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.7	2.9	39.5	39.1	38.5	9.40	9.73	9.34
Retail Trade	12.6	12.4	12.7	30.2	30.2	30.3	6.33	6.43	6.49
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	2.6	2.5	2.5						
Food Stores	2.3	2.3	2.3						
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	1.5	1.5	1.6						
Eating & Drinking Places	4.0	4.0	4.2						
Other Retail Trade	2.2	2.1	2.1						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.2	3.2	3.1	34.2	35.3	34.3	7.24	6.94	6.70
Services	18.0	18.1	17.4						
Health Services	8.1	8.0	7.9	39.9	32.0	33.1	7.37	9.29	8.55
Other Services	9.9	10.1	9.5						
Government	9.4	10.3	9.6						
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7						
State	1.6	2.0	1.7						
Local	7.1	7.6	7.2						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	*Applicants Available Program Year to Date*	*NONFARM JOB OPENINGS*					*Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date*	*Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month*
		Active File	*Received Program Year to Date*	*Total*	*UNFILLED 30 Days or More*	*FILLED Total*		
TOTAL	191,261	72,667	39,421	2,546	1,585	27,163	4.9	28.5
Professional, Technical & Managerial	20,285	7,369	1,640	204	110	605	12.4	36.1
Clerical & Sales	51,188	16,569	9,962	875	573	5,924	5.1	18.9
Services	24,137	7,745	8,745	408	190	6,025	2.8	19.0
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,914	774	226	6	3	124	8.5	129.0
Processing	10,734	4,156	1,044	163	146	853	10.3	25.5
Machine Trades	12,888	5,252	1,393	75	47	859	9.3	70.0
Benchwork	7,331	2,845	1,079	66	51	732	6.8	43.1
Structural Work	32,704	13,895	2,767	274	132	1,529	11.8	50.7
Miscellaneous	39,323	15,730	12,565	475	333	10,512	3.1	33.1
Transportation	8,655	3,433	1,433	136	61	756	6.0	25.2
Packaging & Materials Handling	21,955	7,596	10,229	132	88	9,319	2.1	57.5
Other	8,713	4,701	903	207	184	437	9.6	22.7
Entry Total	20	20	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

	June 1992	*May 1992*	*June 1991*	*Percent Change: May 1992*	*Percent Change: June 1991*
Initial Claims	7,939	7,146	6,469	11.1	22.7
Weeks Claimed	97,151	86,589	82,301	12.2	18.0
Benefits Paid	$12,810,981	$11,808,763	$10,586,989	8.5	21.0
Weeks Compensated	83,942	76,649	69,931	9.5	20.0
Average Weekly Payment	$152.62	$154.06	$151.39	-0.9	0.8
Trust Fund Balance, End of Month	$138,583,037	$153,092,501	$128,230,013	-9.5	8.1

Workers' Compensation

Select Workers' Compensation Claims Activities

	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	*Percent Change:* May 1992	June 1991
Temporary Disability Benefits Paid	7,813,903	5,687,983	4,981,244	37.4	56.9
Medical Benefits Paid	9,600,636	6,149,849	5,343,874	56.1	79.7
Permanent Partial Disability Benefits Paid	3,518,217	3,780,794	3,656,894	-6.9	-3.8
Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	8,629,019	7,877,867	7,511,506	9.5	14.9
Benefits to Dependents of Fatalities	1,862,211	1,673,292	1,731,051	11.3	7.6
Funeral Benefits Paid	28,000	0	10,349	28000.0	170.6
Miscellaneous Benefits Paid*	244,632	221,459	428,101	10.5	-42.9
DWRF** Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	611,411	585,964	635,468	4.3	-3.8
DWRF** Benefits Paid to Dependents of Fatalities	1,062,835	977,476	1,034,848	8.7	2.7
Sum of All Benefits Paid	33,370,864	26,954,683	25,333,334	23.8	31.7

** Includes returned benefit checks, attorney fees and specified dependent benefits.*
*** Disabled Workers' Relief Fund provides benefits to meet the weekly minimum benefit payable for worker's injured prior to July 1, 1971.*

Select Job Training Partnership Act Characteristics

Performance Standard Report
July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991

Job Training Program	**Standard**	**Actual**
Entered Employment Rate - Adults	68	68
Average Wage at Placements Adults	4.95	4.81
Cost Per Entered Employment Adults	4,500	2,284
Entered Employment Rate - Welfare Recipients	56	58
Entered Employment Rate - Youth (Out of School Programs)	45	53
Positive Termination Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	75	85
Cost Per Positive Termination - Youth	4,900	2,101
Employability Enhancement Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	33	52

Characteristics	**Enrolled**	**Positive Outlook***
Adult	8,582	6,951
Female	5,406	4,379
Male	3,176	2,572
Youth	7,326	5,495
Female	3,882	2,912
Male	3,444	2,583
School Dropout	**	2,341
High School Graduate /Equivalent or above	**	6,355
Single Parent	**	2,777
Black	**	904
Hispanic	**	35
Handicapped	**	1,059
Unemployed	**	6,648
Welfare	**	2,841
Veterans	**	772

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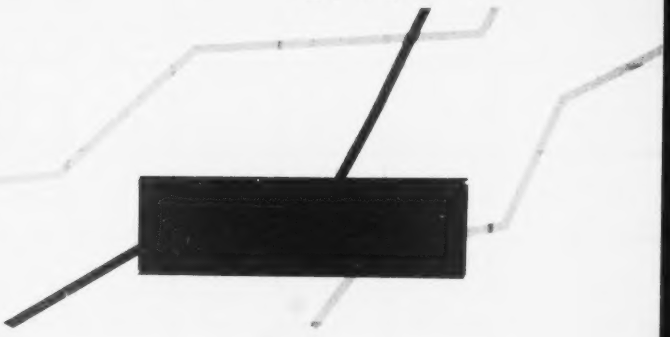

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Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force in West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	*Prelim. July '92*	*Revised June '92*	*Revised July '91*	*Change from: June 1992*	*Change from: July 1991*
Civilian Labor Force	756.3	753.2	741.4	3.1	14.9
Total Employment	697.9	694.1	688.8	3.8	9.1
Total Unemployment	58.4	59.1	52.6	-0.7	5.8
Unemployment Rate	7.7	7.9	7.1	xx	xx

BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	*Prelim. July '92*	*Revised June '92*	*Revised July '91*	*Change from: June 1992*	*Change from: July 1991*
Civilian Labor Force	795.0	790.9	802.2	4.1	-7.2
Total Employment	707.4	703.9	716.6	3.5	-9.2
Total Unemployment	87.6	87.0	85.6	0.6	2.0
Unemployment Rate	11.0	11.0	10.7	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment in West Virginia rose 3,800 during the month to an estimated 697,900 in mid-July. Employment usually rises a little between June and July. A clear sign of improvement, however, is the 9,100 more people with jobs this July than in the same month last year.

Employment on nonfarm payrolls throughout the State moved up 7,100 to 647,100 in July. The leading change was state government's hiring of 11,100 young people under the Governor's Summer Youth Program. Increased federal funding enabled the 1992 program to employ 3,100 more young workers than last year. Losses occurred elsewhere in government, however, as summer school and college closings drained 700 employees from the state government count and 5,000 education workers from local government payrolls.

The 1,800 monthly rise in the recession-battered goods-producing sector was particularly encouraging, with mining, manufacturing, and construction all experiencing upturns. Construction employment was the brightest performer, with many road, bridge and facility construction projects under way and home mortgage rates at their lowest point in 20 years. Additions of 400 by general contractors, 500 by heavy construction firms, and 200 by special trade contractors helped push construction employment well above the levels of both last month and last year. Except for a seasonal reduction of 600 in services, most other industries were almost unchanged.

Nonfarm payroll employment in July was 11,800 ahead of July 1991. While added government hiring under the Governor's Summer Youth Program is partially responsible, West Virginia's private sector has added 8,000 jobs during the past year. Significant job gains over the year include 4,600 in services, 2,700 in construction, and 2,000 in trade, offset by losses of 1,300 in mining and 300 manufacturing. July's private sector employment total of 513,100 was the highest the state has seen in any month since 1981.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents declined 700 for the month. July's 58,400 unemployed persons represented an unemployment rate of 7.7 percent, down from 7.9 percent last month. Unemployment remained above the level of July 1991, when the rate was 7.1 percent.

West Virginia Economic Indicators

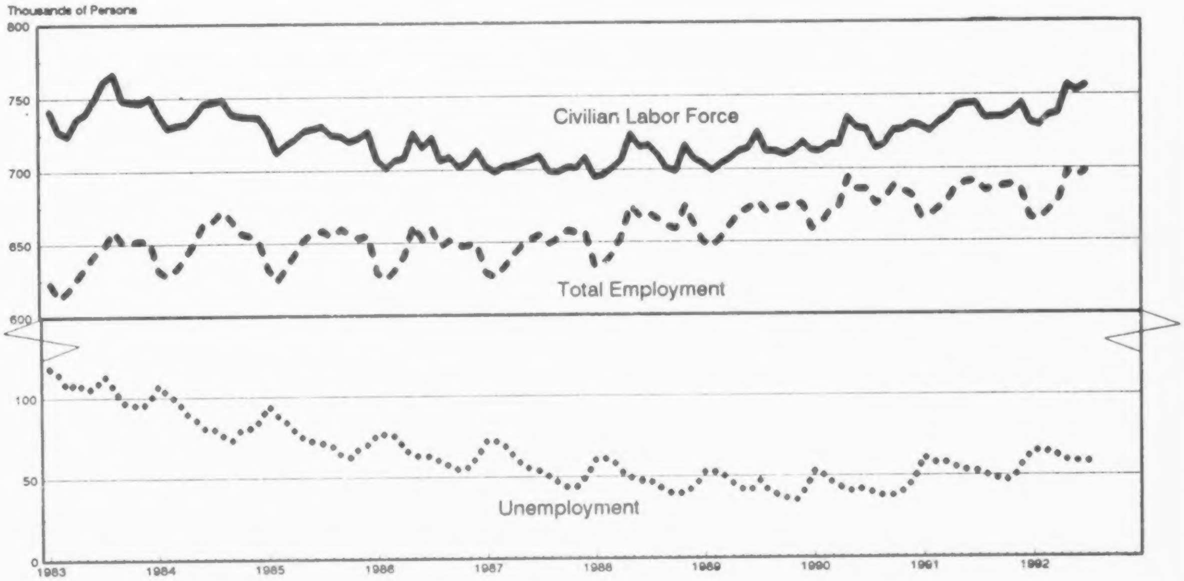
	July 1992	*June 1992*	*July 1991*
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	39.9	41.1	40.2
Seasonally Adjusted	40.3	41.0	40.6
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,526	2,578	2,515
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$485.58	$501.83	$481.19
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	37.6	45.3	41.3
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$691.09	$833.07	$790.07
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	13,276	13,480	12,568
Seasonally Adjusted	16,662	13,365	15,773
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,150	1,112	1,147
Seasonally Adjusted	1,188	1,130	1,185
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	5,753	7,109	5,875
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,189	1,000	1,203
Seasonally Adjusted	1,123	1,340	1,136
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	2,065	1,804	2,013
Seasonally Adjusted	1,845	2,809	1,798
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	3.4	3.5	3.5
Seasonally Adjusted	3.8	4.1	3.8
Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted			
WV Series	8.0	8.2	7.4
BLS Series	11.6	11.4	11.2

Selected National Data

	July 1992	*June 1992*	*July 1991*
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	7.6	7.8	6.7
Seasonally Adjusted	7.7	7.8	6.8
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	140.5	140.2	136.2
1967 Base	420.8	419.9	408.0
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods Unadjusted, 1982 Base	123.7	123.7	121.6
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	452.6	369.3	510.8
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	3.0	2.8	3.1
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.1	3.1
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	$363.99	$364.34	$355.01
Average Weekly Hours	34.6	34.6	34.5
Average Hourly Earnings	$10.52	$10.53	$10.29

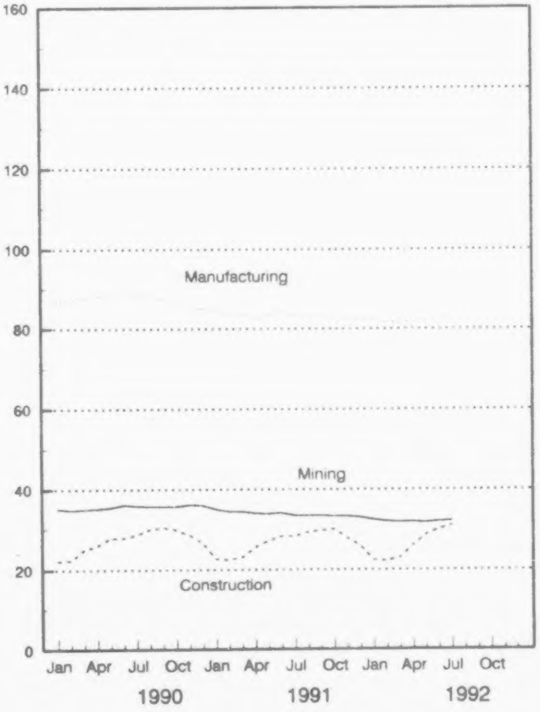
Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Total Employment, Unemployment and Civilian Labor Force



Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Service Producing Employment

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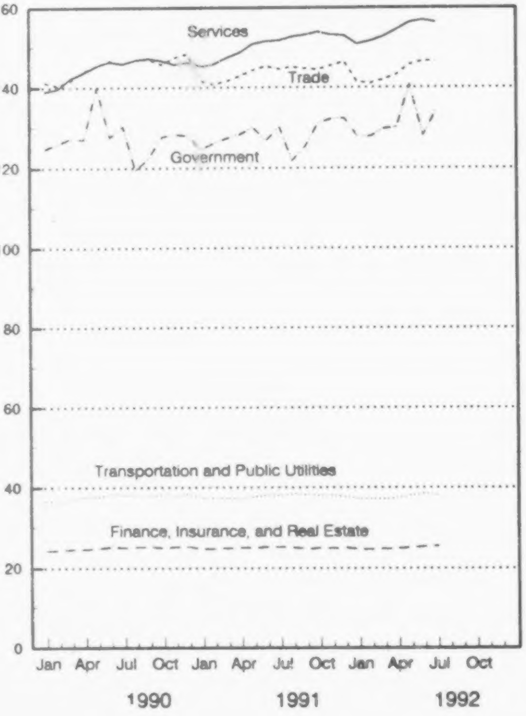


Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. July '92	*Revised June '92*	*Revised July '91*	*Change From:*	
				June 1992	*July 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	647.1	640.0	635.3	7.1	11.8
PRIVATE SECTOR	513.1	512.0	505.1	1.1	8.0
GOODS-PRODUCING	146.6	144.8	145.5	1.8	1.1
Mining	32.2	32.0	33.5	0.2	-1.3
Coal Mining	27.2	27.0	27.9	0.2	-0.7
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.0	4.0	4.6	0.0	-0.6
Other Mining	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	31.1	30.0	28.4	1.1	2.7
General Building Contractors	8.2	7.8	7.4	0.4	0.8
Heavy Construction	9.5	9.0	8.2	0.5	1.3
Special Trade Contractors	13.4	13.2	12.8	0.2	0.6
Manufacturing	83.3	82.8	83.6	0.5	-0.3
Durable Goods	45.8	45.3	46.2	0.5	-0.4
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	8.1	8.1	7.6	0.0	0.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.0	7.0	7.5	0.0	-0.5
Primary Metals Industries	13.8	13.3	13.6	0.5	0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	5.4	5.4	5.4	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.7	4.7	5.5	0.0	-0.8
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.4	2.4	2.5	0.0	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	37.5	37.5	37.4	0.0	0.1
Food & Kindred Products	4.4	4.3	4.0	0.1	0.4
Textile Mill Products	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.0	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	5.0	5.0	5.1	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	17.2	17.2	17.6	0.0	-0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.1	4.8	-0.1	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	500.5	495.2	489.8	5.3	10.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	38.2	38.4	38.1	-0.2	0.1
Railroad Transportation	3.6	3.7	3.9	-0.1	-0.3
Trucking & Warehousing	10.1	10.2	9.9	-0.1	0.2
Other Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.5	0.0	0.1
Communications	8.2	8.2	8.2	0.0	0.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.7	12.7	12.6	0.0	0.1
Trade	146.6	146.6	144.6	0.0	2.0
Wholesale Trade	30.3	30.3	30.1	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	116.3	116.3	114.5	0.0	1.8
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.4	5.4	5.1	0.0	0.3
General Merchandise Stores	16.5	16.4	15.8	0.1	0.7
Food Stores	22.4	22.5	22.6	-0.1	-0.2
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.7	14.7	14.6	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.9	4.8	5.3	0.1	-0.4
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	35.9	36.0	35.0	-0.1	0.9
Miscellaneous Retail	12.2	12.2	11.9	0.0	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	25.4	25.3	25.2	0.1	0.2
Finance	14.2	14.1	14.1	0.1	0.1
Insurance	6.8	6.8	6.8	0.0	0.0
Real Estate	4.4	4.4	4.3	0.0	0.1
Services	156.3	156.9	151.7	-0.6	4.6
Agricultural Services	2.5	2.6	2.6	-0.1	-0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.7	8.5	8.6	0.2	0.1
Personal Services	6.3	6.4	6.1	-0.1	0.2
Business Services	14.9	14.9	14.6	0.0	0.3
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.9	5.9	5.6	0.0	0.3
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	6.9	6.9	7.0	0.0	-0.1
Health Services	60.5	60.3	58.5	0.2	2.0
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.9	10.9	10.8	0.0	0.1
Hospitals	30.3	30.2	29.3	0.1	1.0
Other Health Services	19.3	19.2	18.4	0.1	0.9
Legal Services	4.4	4.4	4.3	0.0	0.1
Educational Services	4.3	4.8	4.2	-0.5	0.1
Social Services	13.0	13.4	11.9	-0.4	1.1
Membership Organizations	19.8	19.7	19.8	0.1	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	8.2	8.2	7.7	0.0	0.5
Government	134.0	128.0	130.2	6.0	3.8
Federal	17.5	17.5	17.1	0.0	0.4
Hospitals	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	5.0	5.1	5.0	-0.1	0.0
Other Federal	9.2	9.1	8.9	0.1	0.3
State	47.8	37.1	44.5	10.7	3.3
Hospitals	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Education	13.5	14.2	13.1	-0.7	0.4
Other State	31.8	20.4	28.9	11.4	2.9
Local	68.7	73.4	68.6	-4.7	0.1
Hospitals	5.2	5.2	5.0	0.0	0.2
Education	40.3	45.3	40.7	-5.0	-0.4
Other Local	23.2	22.9	22.9	0.3	0.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.2	1.8	1.7	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

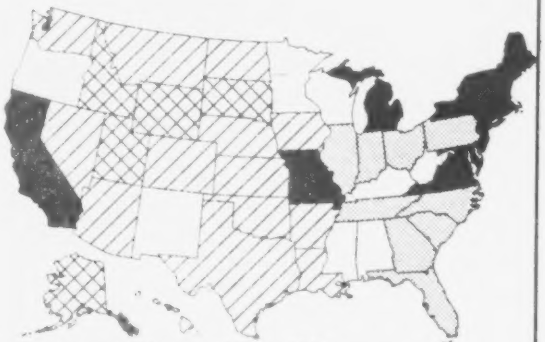
(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. *July '92*	*Revised* *June'92*	*Revised* *July '91*	*Change From:* *June* *1992*	*July* *1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	288.4	288.6	280.5	-0.2	7.9
PRIVATE SECTOR	220.3	220.8	213.0	-0.5	7.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	23.7	23.7	24.1	0.0	-0.4
Mining	1.9	1.9	2.1	0.0	-0.2
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.0	-0.2
Construction	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
General Building Contractors	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.1
Heavy Construction	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.0	-0.1
Manufacturing	19.4	19.4	19.6	0.0	-0.2
Durable Goods	7.1	7.1	7.7	0.0	-0.6
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.0	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.0	-0.3
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	12.3	12.3	11.9	0.0	0.4
Food & Kindred Products	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.0	0.2
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.4	3.4	3.2	0.0	0.2
Paper & Allied Products	0.3	0.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	2.9	2.8	3.1	0.1	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	1.8	0.0	0.3
SERVICE-PRODUCING	264.7	264.9	256.4	-0.2	8.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.3	8.4	8.2	-0.1	0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	0.9	1.0	0.9	-0.1	0.0
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Communications	3.9	3.9	3.7	0.0	0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Trade	69.7	69.8	67.5	-0.1	2.2
Wholesale Trade	6.4	6.4	5.9	0.0	0.5
Retail Trade	63.3	63.4	61.6	-0.1	1.7
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.7	11.6	11.0	0.1	0.7
Food Stores	11.9	12.2	11.9	-0.3	0.0
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.8	3.7	3.6	0.1	0.2
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.1	4.0	4.5	0.1	-0.4
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.5	1.6	1.4	-0.1	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	21.3	21.3	20.5	0.0	0.8
Miscellaneous Retail	8.0	8.0	7.8	0.0	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.8	15.9	15.6	-0.1	0.2
Finance	11.0	11.1	11.0	-0.1	0.0
Insurance	3.3	3.3	3.1	0.0	0.2
Real Estate	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Services	102.8	103.0	97.6	-0.2	5.2
Agricultural Services	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.8	4.6	4.5	0.2	0.3
Personal Services	4.2	4.2	3.9	0.0	0.3
Business Services	7.7	7.9	7.3	-0.2	0.4
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	3.3	3.4	3.2	-0.1	0.1
Health Services	49.8	49.9	47.9	-0.1	1.9
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.8	9.9	9.5	-0.1	0.3
Hospitals	25.2	25.2	24.1	0.0	1.1
Other Health Services	14.8	14.8	14.3	0.0	0.5
Legal Services	3.4	3.4	3.3	0.0	0.1
Educational Services	2.2	2.6	2.0	-0.4	0.2
Social Services	9.5	9.7	8.9	-0.2	0.6
Membership Organizations	12.2	11.7	11.4	0.5	0.8
Engineering & Management Services	3.1	3.1	2.8	0.0	0.3
Government	68.1	67.8	67.5	0.3	0.6
Federal	7.7	7.7	7.2	0.0	0.5
Hospitals	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	4.5	4.5	4.2	0.0	0.3
State	21.3	17.9	20.4	3.4	0.9
Hospitals	1.8	1.7	1.7	0.1	0.1
Education	7.3	7.9	6.7	-0.6	0.6
Other State	12.2	8.3	12.0	3.9	0.2
Local	39.1	42.2	39.9	-3.1	-0.8
Hospitals	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
Education	26.2	29.4	27.7	-3.2	-1.5
Other Local	8.6	8.5	8.0	0.1	0.6

SPECIAL REPORT: The Geography of the Recovery

The American economy is probably recovering from the recession, but solid evidence of a genuine upturn remains elusive. Consequently, another look at the geographic distribution of rising or declining nonfarm payroll employment seems in order. The first article in what has unexpectedly become a continuing series tracked job losses from mid-1990 to mid-1991; the second used revised annual data for 1990 and 1991 to refine the earlier illustration of the recession's impact on the fifty states.*

The large map shows the experience of the states from June 1991 to June 1992, using the latest available payroll employment figures. The parameters of change are the same as those employed in our earlier articles. States with payroll job gains or losses of one-half percent or less are unshaded. Significant losses of one-half to two percent are shaded gray, with black used for serious losses of more than two percent. Moderate job growth—between one-half and two percent—is designated by diagonal lines, with cross-hatching reserved for strong growth of two percent or more. The large map may be compared with the smaller one (reprinted from the second article in



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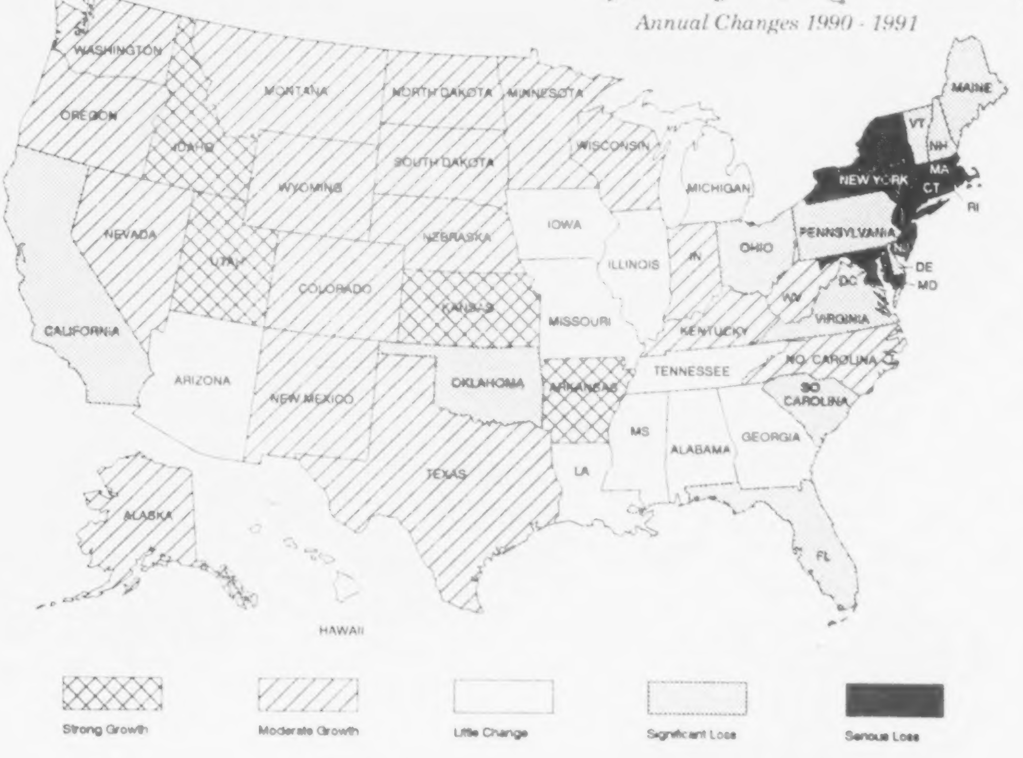
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Strong Growth
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Serious Loss

Gains and Losses in Nonfarm Payroll Employment
June 1991 to June 1992

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* ***Economic Summary*** : *"The Geography of the Recession," July 1991; "The Geography of the Recession Revisited," March 1992.*

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this series) of annual gains and losses between 1990 and 1991. Since June is a month close to the year's midpoint, our new map should give us at least a rough idea of the annual changes we may expect between 1991 and 1992, subject to the revisions which always occur in this data series.

The most obvious difference between the two maps is that the new one has a much more upbeat appearance than its predecessor. Remember, though, that the maps consider only change over the year. Fewer states show losses, and most of the states where losses continue did not lose nearly as many jobs between 1991 and 1992 as they did in the prior year. However, the recent losses are in addition to those already suffered. In other words, the best that can be said of many states is that the rate of job loss has diminished; the labor market continues to worsen, only more slowly. For instance, Massachusetts lost 66,000 jobs in the past year—after losing 177,000 in the previous 12 months, and 132,000 in the 12 months before that.

Our examination of the 1990-1991 data revealed job losses in nearly all Eastern states, with only a few, including West Virginia and Kentucky, unchanged over the year. On the other hand, almost all of the Western states (with the very conspicuous exception of California) continued to add jobs during 1991. Job growth continues in most of the West—except for California—although rates of expansion are much slower than those of a few years ago.

In the East, serious losses over the past 12 months are confined to Southern New England, New York, New Jersey, and Maryland. Northern New England, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, Ohio, South Carolina, and Florida report smaller losses, while the nonfarm job count has not changed much in Michigan, Illinois, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia. A few states—West Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Indiana, and Wisconsin—have experienced moderate growth in payroll employment since June 1991. All in all, the East is a mixed bag of improvement, stagnation, and continuing decline.

Our near neighbors present a similar patchwork of gains and losses. West Virginia leads the immediate area in percentage job growth from June 1991 to June 1992, barely edging out Kentucky. Interestingly, our last report on this subject noted the similarity of Kentucky's recessionary experience to our own; both states held about even in payroll employment from 1990 to 1991, in contrast to job losses in all of the surrounding states. Now West Virginia and Kentucky seem to be emerging from the recession at nearly the same pace, with payroll employment increasing several times faster than the anemic national average.

State	June 1992 Employment	Change since June 1991 Number	Percent
Pennsylvania	5,051,700	-68,600	-1.3
Maryland	2,071,700	-54,200	-2.5
Dist of Columbia	676,100	-9,100	-1.3
Virginia	2,841,000	-20,500	-0.7
North Carolina	3,104,000	17,600	0.6
Kentucky	1,491,200	13,800	0.9
Ohio	4,825,600	-31,700	-0.7
WEST VIRGINIA	639,800	6,100	1.0
UNITED STATES	109,394,000	237,000	0.2

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, State and Metropolitan Area Employment and Unemployment, June 1992. State estimates are derived independently and do not sum to the national total.

Payroll employment in North Carolina has started growing again, though less rapidly than in West Virginia or Kentucky. Virginia and Ohio continue to report over-the-year losses, but at a relatively mild 0.7 percent of total nonfarm. Pennsylvania shows a more serious 1.3 percent loss, but the Pittsburgh area—more significant to West Virginia's economy—reports level payroll employment since June 1991. Maryland's 2.5 percent loss is the worst among our neighboring states, and third worst in the nation (after Connecticut and New Jersey).

The recent over-the-year increase in payroll employment is the most encouraging sign of improvement in West Virginia's economy since 1990. July data, reported elsewhere in this issue of the **Economic Summary**, suggest the possibility of a return to the growth rates of 1988-1990, when the state added jobs at a 10,000-per-year pace. However, continuing economic weakness among neighboring states cannot help our own recovery; further growth will require some strenghening of regional and national economies.

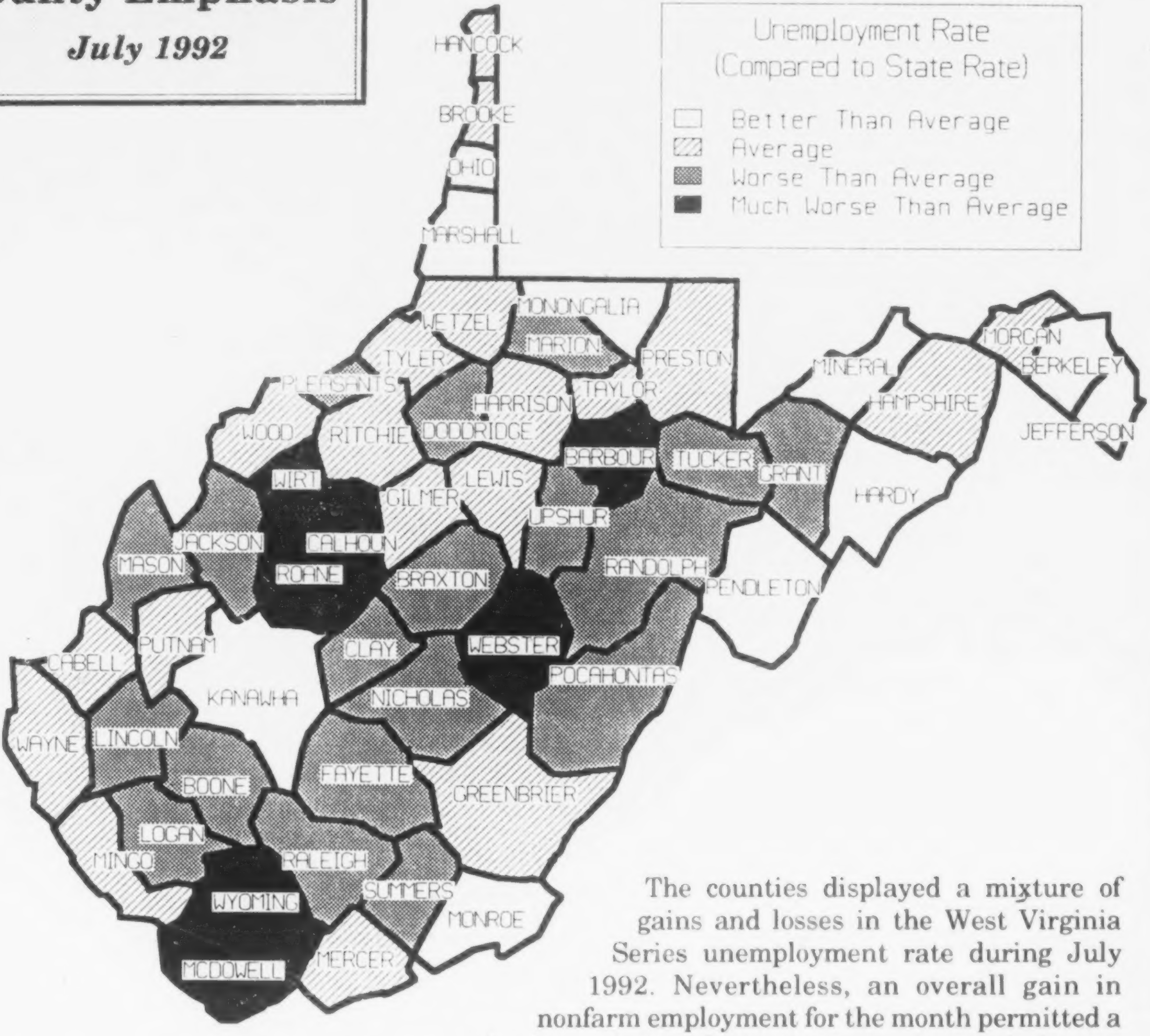
Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July'92	*June'92*	*July'91*	*July'92*	*June'92*	*July'91*	*July'92*	*June'92*	*July'91*
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	$365.52	$368.94	$360.43	35.8	36.1	35.9	$10.21	$10.22	$10.04
Mining	660.68	784.35	741.61	38.3	45.0	41.5	17.25	17.43	17.87
Coal Mining	691.09	833.07	790.07	37.6	45.3	41.3	18.38	18.39	19.13
Oil & Gas Extraction	480.99	484.46	464.34	41.5	42.2	42.6	11.59	11.48	10.90
Other Mining	483.02	497.38	502.74	46.4	47.1	44.1	10.41	10.56	11.40
Construction	614.17	590.61	543.92	40.3	39.4	39.5	15.24	14.99	13.77
Manufacturing	485.58	501.83	481.19	39.9	41.1	40.2	12.17	12.21	11.97
Durable Goods	483.57	509.88	481.60	39.8	42.0	40.1	12.15	12.14	12.01
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	308.74	306.99	299.20	40.2	40.5	40.0	7.68	7.58	7.48
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	456.20	464.20	454.69	40.3	40.4	38.5	11.32	11.49	11.81
Primary Metals Industries	654.36	668.65	640.93	41.0	43.0	42.9	15.96	15.55	14.94
Fabricated Metal Products	412.48	527.88	402.75	36.6	44.1	34.9	11.27	11.97	11.54
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	464.76	500.21	492.50	40.1	40.8	39.4	11.59	12.26	12.50
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	530.40	588.96	598.93	40.0	45.2	45.1	13.26	13.03	13.28
Transportation Equipment	511.13	576.49	544.73	39.5	45.5	47.7	12.94	12.67	11.42
Nondurable Goods	488.00	490.77	479.59	40.0	39.9	40.2	12.20	12.30	11.93
Food & Kindred Products	376.65	357.97	360.23	38.2	37.8	38.2	9.86	9.47	9.43
Textile Mill Products	273.39	275.88	265.47	39.0	38.0	39.8	7.01	7.26	6.67
Apparel & Other Textile Products	212.80	245.66	215.06	38.0	35.5	34.8	5.60	6.92	6.18
Paper & Allied Products	361.78	373.61	328.53	39.8	43.8	42.5	9.09	8.53	7.73
Printing & Publishing	337.59	318.30	353.93	34.1	33.4	37.1	9.90	9.53	9.54
Chemicals & Allied Products	763.48	768.32	737.10	44.7	44.8	44.7	17.08	17.15	16.49
Transportation & Public Utilities	517.49	517.41	510.83	41.3	42.1	41.7	12.53	12.29	12.25
Trucking & Warehousing	416.46	446.43	424.60	43.7	46.6	44.0	9.53	9.58	9.65
Communications	546.52	529.59	516.48	37.9	38.1	38.4	14.42	13.90	13.45
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	666.86	644.48	645.43	43.5	42.4	43.0	15.33	15.20	15.01
Trade	253.33	246.13	242.25	32.9	32.6	32.3	7.70	7.55	7.50
Wholesale Trade	495.46	478.67	462.43	41.6	41.3	40.6	11.91	11.59	11.39
Retail Trade	194.02	189.71	187.24	30.7	30.5	30.2	6.32	6.22	6.20
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	275.41	272.40	257.63	39.4	40.0	38.8	6.99	6.81	6.64
General Merchandise Stores	201.16	199.47	208.81	30.9	30.5	31.4	6.51	6.54	6.65
Food Stores	204.44	201.59	185.81	31.5	31.4	29.4	6.49	6.42	6.32
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	269.89	265.64	270.80	35.7	35.8	36.3	7.56	7.42	7.46
Apparel & Accessory Stores	140.76	139.50	147.69	27.6	27.3	27.4	5.10	5.11	5.39
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	275.65	281.62	281.89	37.1	37.3	36.8	7.43	7.55	7.66
Eating & Drinking Places	143.62	133.27	129.66	27.2	26.6	26.3	5.28	5.01	4.93
Miscellaneous Retail	193.10	194.59	197.37	29.8	29.8	30.6	6.48	6.53	6.45
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	309.64	308.88	304.92	36.3	36.0	36.0	8.53	8.58	8.47
Finance	261.72	259.86	248.51	36.0	35.5	35.2	7.27	7.32	7.06
Insurance	445.18	439.64	458.40	37.6	37.9	38.2	11.84	11.60	12.00
Real Estate	287.20	297.58	290.39	35.5	35.3	35.5	8.09	8.43	8.18
Services	287.98	284.43	282.77	34.0	33.7	34.4	8.47	8.44	8.22
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	253.13	244.14	267.03	31.8	31.1	34.5	7.96	7.85	7.74
Personal Services	242.88	225.13	210.59	33.5	32.3	32.7	7.25	6.97	6.44
Business Services	256.09	231.04	238.00	34.7	33.1	34.0	7.38	6.98	7.00
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	346.33	330.15	358.27	39.9	38.3	42.1	8.68	8.62	8.51
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	169.94	166.63	162.56	29.1	28.1	27.6	5.84	5.93	5.89
Health Services	332.32	334.68	326.24	36.2	36.9	37.2	9.18	9.07	8.77
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	199.47	191.48	196.88	33.3	32.9	34.3	5.99	5.82	5.74
Hospitals	397.82	403.69	390.85	38.4	39.5	39.4	10.36	10.22	9.92
Other Health Services	301.69	302.93	296.52	34.4	34.9	35.3	8.77	8.68	8.40
Legal Services	406.98	405.08	409.22	36.5	38.0	36.8	11.15	10.66	11.12
Social Services	211.28	204.43	184.11	31.3	29.8	29.6	6.75	6.86	6.22
Engineering & Management Services	405.86	413.21	388.56	35.2	35.9	35.1	11.53	11.51	11.07

The above figures represent the hours and earnings of more than 400,000 private sector production and nonsupervisory workers in West Virginia. Comparable totals for the United States appear at the bottom of page 3. Additional industry detail for the United States and for other states is available upon request.

County Emphasis

July 1992


Unemployment Rate
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MONONGALIA
MARION
PRESTON
TYLER
PLEASANTS
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HARRISON
WOOD
RITCHIE
DODDRIDGE
BARBOUR
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WEBSTER
POCAHONTAS
KANAWHA
NICHOLAS
WAYNE
LINCOLN
BOONE
FAYETTE
GREENBRIER
LOGAN
MINGO
RALEIGH
SUMMERS
WYOMING
MONROE
MERCER
MCDOWELL

The counties displayed a mixture of gains and losses in the West Virginia Series unemployment rate during July 1992. Nevertheless, an overall gain in nonfarm employment for the month permitted a slender majority of counties to produce a decline in their unemployment rate. A tangible part of the job gain emerged in government employment with the addition of 11,100 young people hired under the Governor's Summer Youth Program. As a result, a number of counties generated unemployment rates considered better than average when coupled with moderate job gains in mining, manufacturing, and construction. Within this group are Berkeley (6.6), Mineral (6.6), Jefferson (6.5), Marshall (6.5), Kanawha (5.8), Monroe (5.5), Ohio (5.3), Monongalia (4.2), Hardy (4.1), and Pendleton (4.1).

In spite of the job gains provided by mining, construction, manufacturing and government, a number of counties continue to battle with unemployment problems and post unemployment rates considered much worse than average when compared to the state rate. Counties in this group are Wirt (12.7), Roane (13.0), Calhoun (14.1), McDowell (14.7), Webster (15.8), Wyoming (16.1), and Barbour (17.6).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

July 1992

(Revised June 1992 in parentheses)

These Labor Force Statistics Were Designed To Be Used For Economic Analysis

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,190	(4,170)	3,460	(3,540)	740	(620)	17.6	(15.0)
Berkeley	31,210	(31,240)	29,140	(28,990)	2,070	(2,250)	6.6	(7.2)
Boone	8,790	(8,750)	7,840	(7,810)	950	(930)	10.8	(10.7)
Braxton	5,380	(5,280)	4,770	(4,660)	610	(620)	11.4	(11.7)
Brooke	9,960	(10,300)	9,150	(9,320)	810	(980)	8.1	(9.6)
Cabell	43,390	(43,640)	40,450	(40,930)	2,930	(2,700)	6.8	(6.2)
Calhoun	2,970	(2,800)	2,550	(2,430)	420	(380)	14.1	(13.4)
Clay	3,450	(3,200)	3,060	(2,790)	390	(410)	11.4	(12.9)
Doddridge	2,620	(2,470)	2,320	(2,290)	300	(180)	11.3	(7.5)
Fayette	17,590	(17,200)	15,940	(15,610)	1,650	(1,590)	9.4	(9.2)
Gilmer	2,970	(2,990)	2,760	(2,740)	210	(240)	7.2	(8.2)
Grant	4,870	(4,810)	4,430	(4,430)	440	(380)	9.0	(7.9)
Greenbrier	15,600	(15,430)	14,480	(14,360)	1,120	(1,070)	7.2	(6.9)
Hampshire	7,190	(7,200)	6,640	(6,650)	550	(550)	7.6	(7.6)
Hancock	13,270	(13,530)	12,260	(12,480)	1,010	(1,050)	7.6	(7.7)
Hardy	6,250	(6,120)	5,990	(5,870)	250	(250)	4.1	(4.1)
Harrison	31,110	(30,400)	28,470	(28,000)	2,640	(2,400)	8.5	(7.9)
Jackson	9,870	(9,800)	8,890	(8,820)	990	(980)	10.0	(10.0)
Jefferson	17,260	(18,300)	16,150	(17,080)	1,110	(1,220)	6.5	(6.6)
Kanawha	100,070	(100,240)	94,270	(94,550)	5,800	(5,690)	5.8	(5.7)
Lewis	7,570	(7,580)	6,950	(6,880)	620	(690)	8.2	(9.1)
Lincoln	8,240	(8,020)	7,450	(7,230)	800	(790)	9.7	(9.8)
Logan	13,980	(13,540)	12,510	(12,200)	1,470	(1,340)	10.5	(9.9)
McDowell	7,230	(6,790)	6,170	(5,790)	1,060	(1,010)	14.7	(14.8)
Marion	22,120	(22,470)	20,020	(19,810)	2,100	(2,660)	9.5	(11.8)
Marshall	14,610	(14,980)	13,650	(13,530)	950	(1,450)	6.5	(9.7)
Mason	9,920	(9,940)	8,850	(8,710)	1,070	(1,230)	10.8	(12.4)
Mercer	26,560	(26,660)	24,610	(24,580)	1,950	(2,070)	7.3	(7.8)
Mineral	10,600	(10,920)	9,890	(10,070)	700	(840)	6.6	(7.7)
Mingo	12,860	(12,150)	11,800	(11,110)	1,060	(1,040)	8.3	(8.5)
Monongalia	39,810	(40,030)	38,150	(38,280)	1,660	(1,750)	4.2	(4.4)
Monroe	5,400	(5,370)	5,100	(5,060)	300	(310)	5.5	(5.8)
Morgan	5,490	(5,420)	5,100	(5,050)	390	(370)	7.2	(6.9)
Nicholas	9,120	(8,910)	8,200	(7,850)	910	(1,060)	10.0	(11.8)
Ohio	24,420	(24,240)	23,130	(22,920)	1,290	(1,330)	5.3	(5.5)
Pendleton	4,100	(4,010)	3,930	(3,870)	170	(140)	4.1	(3.4)
Pleasants	2,260	(2,210)	2,010	(1,940)	260	(270)	11.3	(12.0)
Pocahontas	4,470	(4,330)	4,040	(3,830)	430	(500)	9.6	(11.6)
Preston	12,900	(12,840)	11,890	(11,930)	1,020	(910)	7.9	(7.1)
Putnam	17,110	(17,170)	15,810	(15,860)	1,300	(1,310)	7.6	(7.6)
Raleigh	29,220	(29,030)	26,650	(26,420)	2,580	(2,600)	8.8	(9.0)
Randolph	12,170	(11,980)	11,040	(10,780)	1,130	(1,200)	9.3	(10.0)
Ritchie	5,550	(5,440)	5,080	(4,970)	480	(470)	8.6	(8.6)
Roane	5,100	(5,000)	4,430	(4,340)	660	(670)	13.0	(13.3)
Summers	4,540	(4,380)	4,120	(3,940)	420	(440)	9.3	(10.1)
Taylor	6,040	(5,960)	5,580	(5,490)	460	(480)	7.6	(8.0)
Tucker	4,150	(4,000)	3,710	(3,700)	440	(300)	10.5	(7.5)
Tyler	4,850	(4,850)	4,510	(4,480)	340	(370)	6.9	(7.6)
Upshur	8,110	(8,110)	7,350	(7,190)	760	(910)	9.4	(11.2)
Wayne	15,620	(15,910)	14,510	(14,690)	1,110	(1,230)	7.1	(7.7)
Webster	3,200	(3,070)	2,690	(2,580)	510	(500)	15.8	(16.2)
Wetzel	9,510	(9,540)	8,820	(8,760)	690	(780)	7.2	(8.2)
Wirt	2,070	(2,050)	1,800	(1,820)	260	(230)	12.7	(11.1)
Wood	42,300	(41,760)	39,350	(39,130)	2,950	(2,630)	7.0	(6.3)
Wyoming	7,140	(6,770)	6,000	(5,960)	1,150	(810)	16.1	(12.0)
Statewide	756,300	(753,200)	697,900	(694,100)	58,400	(59,100)	7.7	(7.9)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

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July 1992

(Revised June 1992 in parentheses)

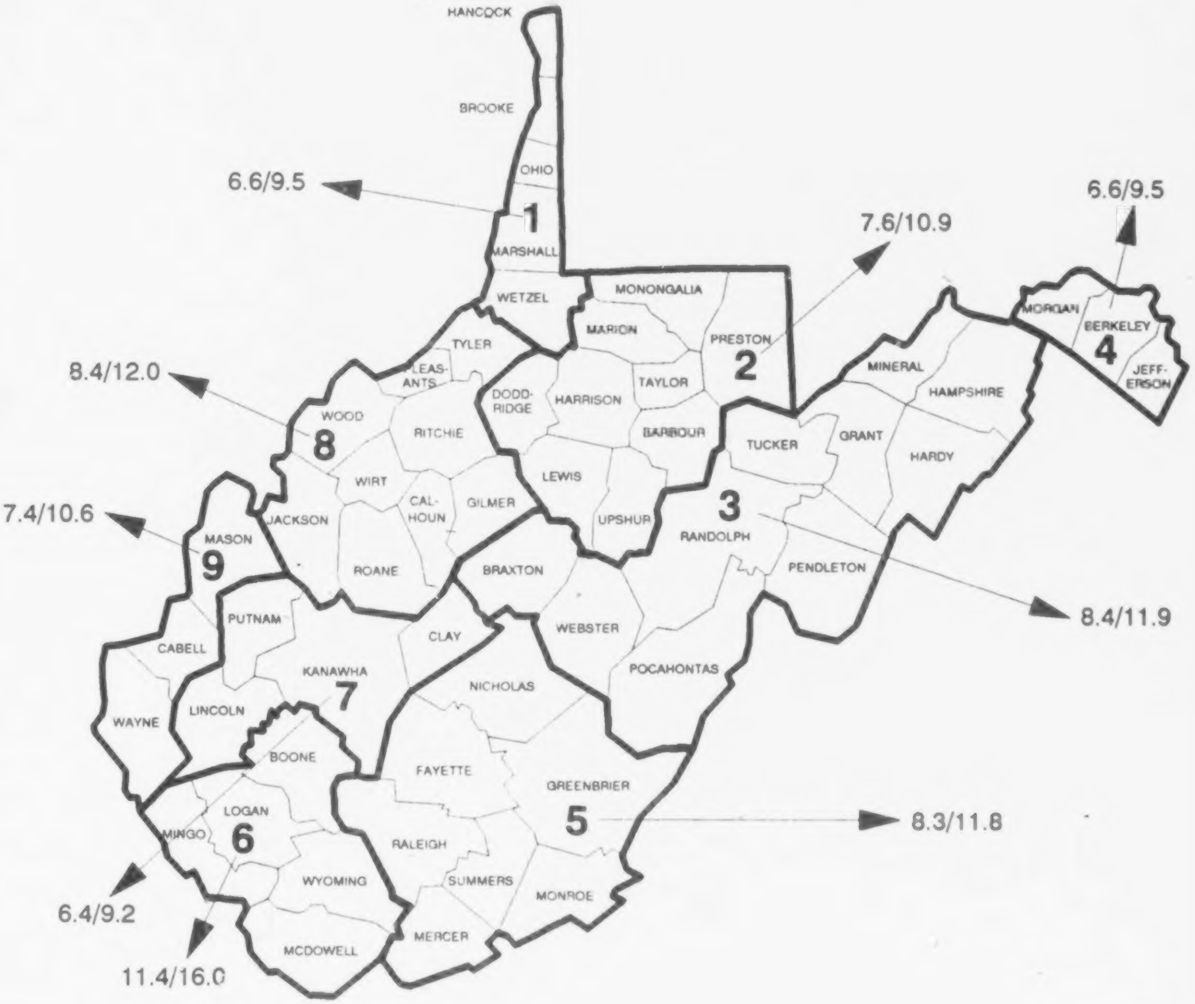
Approved by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to Allocate Federal Funds and Determine Eligibility for Federal Assistance Programs

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,610	(4,510)	3,500	(3,590)	1,110	(920)	24.0	(20.3)
Berkeley	32,640	(32,710)	29,540	(29,400)	3,110	(3,310)	9.5	(10.1)
Boone	9,370	(9,300)	7,950	(7,920)	1,430	(1,370)	15.2	(14.8)
Braxton	5,750	(5,630)	4,840	(4,730)	920	(910)	15.9	(16.1)
Brooke	10,490	(10,900)	9,280	(9,450)	1,210	(1,450)	11.5	(13.3)
Cabell	45,400	(45,490)	41,000	(41,510)	4,400	(3,980)	9.7	(8.7)
Calhoun	3,220	(3,010)	2,590	(2,460)	630	(550)	19.5	(18.3)
Clay	3,690	(3,430)	3,100	(2,830)	590	(600)	16.0	(17.6)
Doddridge	2,800	(2,590)	2,360	(2,320)	450	(270)	15.9	(10.4)
Fayette	18,630	(18,170)	16,150	(15,830)	2,470	(2,330)	13.3	(12.8)
Gilmer	3,110	(3,140)	2,790	(2,780)	320	(360)	10.3	(11.4)
Grant	5,140	(5,050)	4,490	(4,500)	650	(560)	12.7	(11.0)
Greenbrier	16,360	(16,140)	14,670	(14,560)	1,680	(1,580)	10.3	(9.8)
Hampshire	7,550	(7,550)	6,730	(6,740)	820	(800)	10.8	(10.7)
Hancock	13,940	(14,190)	12,430	(12,660)	1,510	(1,540)	10.9	(10.8)
Hardy	6,450	(6,320)	6,070	(5,950)	380	(370)	5.9	(5.9)
Harrison	32,810	(31,920)	28,860	(28,390)	3,960	(3,530)	12.1	(11.1)
Jackson	10,480	(10,390)	9,010	(3,940)	1,480	(1,450)	14.1	(13.9)
Jefferson	18,040	(19,110)	16,370	(17,320)	1,670	(1,790)	9.3	(9.4)
Kanawha	104,250	(104,250)	95,550	(95,890)	8,700	(8,370)	8.3	(8.0)
Lewis	7,980	(8,000)	7,040	(6,980)	940	(1,020)	11.7	(12.8)
Lincoln	8,740	(8,500)	7,550	(7,330)	1,190	(1,160)	13.6	(13.7)
Logan	14,880	(14,340)	12,680	(12,370)	2,200	(1,970)	14.8	(13.7)
McDowell	7,850	(7,350)	6,250	(5,870)	1,590	(1,480)	20.3	(20.1)
Marion	23,440	(24,000)	20,290	(20,090)	3,140	(3,910)	13.4	(16.3)
Marshall	15,270	(15,850)	13,840	(13,720)	1,430	(2,140)	9.4	(13.5)
Mason	10,570	(10,650)	8,970	(8,840)	1,610	(1,810)	15.2	(17.0)
Mercer	27,870	(27,980)	24,940	(24,930)	2,920	(3,050)	10.5	(10.9)
Mineral	11,080	(11,450)	10,030	(10,210)	1,050	(1,240)	9.5	(10.8)
Mingo	13,550	(12,790)	11,960	(11,260)	1,590	(1,530)	11.8	(11.9)
Monongalia	41,160	(41,400)	38,670	(38,820)	2,480	(2,580)	6.0	(6.2)
Monroe	5,610	(5,590)	5,170	(5,130)	450	(460)	7.9	(8.2)
Morgan	5,760	(5,670)	5,170	(5,120)	590	(550)	10.2	(9.7)
Nicholas	9,680	(9,520)	8,320	(7,960)	1,370	(1,550)	14.1	(16.3)
Ohio	25,370	(25,190)	23,450	(23,240)	1,930	(1,950)	7.6	(7.8)
Pendleton	4,240	(4,130)	3,990	(3,930)	250	(200)	5.9	(4.8)
Pleasants	2,420	(2,360)	2,040	(1,970)	380	(390)	15.8	(16.6)
Pocahontas	4,730	(4,620)	4,090	(3,880)	640	(740)	13.6	(16.0)
Preston	13,570	(13,430)	12,050	(12,090)	1,520	(1,340)	11.2	(10.0)
Putnam	17,980	(18,010)	16,030	(16,090)	1,950	(1,920)	10.9	(10.7)
Raleigh	30,870	(30,630)	27,010	(26,800)	3,870	(3,830)	12.5	(12.5)
Randolph	12,890	(12,700)	11,190	(10,930)	1,700	(1,760)	13.2	(13.9)
Ritchie	5,860	(5,730)	5,150	(5,040)	710	(690)	12.2	(12.1)
Roane	5,490	(5,380)	4,490	(4,400)	990	(980)	18.1	(18.2)
Summers	4,800	(4,640)	4,170	(3,990)	630	(650)	13.1	(14.1)
Taylor	6,350	(6,260)	5,660	(5,570)	690	(700)	10.9	(11.2)
Tucker	4,420	(4,200)	3,760	(3,750)	660	(450)	14.8	(10.6)
Tyler	5,080	(5,080)	4,580	(4,540)	510	(540)	10.0	(10.6)
Upshur	8,590	(8,640)	7,450	(7,300)	1,150	(1,340)	13.3	(15.5)
Wayne	16,370	(16,700)	14,710	(14,890)	1,660	(1,800)	10.2	(10.8)
Webster	3,490	(3,340)	2,730	(2,610)	760	(730)	21.7	(21.9)
Wetzel	9,980	(10,030)	8,940	(8,880)	1,030	(1,150)	10.4	(11.4)
Wirt	2,220	(2,180)	1,830	(1,850)	390	(330)	17.7	(15.3)
Wood	44,300	(43,550)	39,880	(39,680)	4,420	(3,870)	10.0	(8.9)
Wyoming	7,800	(7,240)	6,080	(6,050)	1,720	(1,200)	22.1	(16.5)
Statewide	795,000	(790,900)	707,400	(703,900)	87,600	(87,000)	11.0	(11.0)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

Partnership for Progress Area Unemployment Rates

WV Series / BLS Series ***July 1992***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MORGAN
BERKELEY
JEFF-ERSON
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PLEAS-ANTS
WOOD
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DODD-RIDGE
HARRISON
BARBOUR
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CAL-HOUN
GILMER
LEWIS
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ROANE
MASON
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MINERAL
HAMPSHIRE
GRANT
HARDY
TUCKER
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RANDOLPH
PENDLETON
8.4/11.9
BRAXTON
WEBSTER
POCAHONTAS
PUTNAM
CABELL
CLAY
KANAWHA
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NICHOLAS
WAYNE
LINCOLN
BOONE
FAYETTE
GREENBRIER
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RALEIGH
WYOMING
SUMMERS
MONROE
MCDOWELL
MERCER
6.4/9.2
11.4/16.0

Most Partnership for Progress Areas reduced their unemployment rates during July 1992 thanks in part to the addition of 11,100 young workers in the Governor's Summer Youth Program as well as some modest improvement in the goods-producing sector. The youthful employees are an annual addition to government payrolls because of the support of federal funding. An increase in funds this year enabled 3,100 additional workers to participate in 1992 as in the previous year. Of those areas recording declines in the West Virginia series unemployment rate, Area 1 posted the greatest reduction (-1.1) followed by Area 4 (-0.4). By contrast, two Partnership for Progress Areas posted gains in their unemployment rate. Area 6 encountered the greatest escalation (+0.7) with Area 8 registering the remaining increase (+0.3). Area 7 and Area 9 were unchanged during the thirty-day period. The highest unemployment rate was entered by Area 6 (11.4) while the lowest was posted by Area 7 (6.4).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. July '92	*Revised June '92*	*Revised July '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	117.2	117.4	116.3
Employment	110.1	110.4	110.1
Unemployment	7.1	7.0	6.2
Rate (%)	6.1	6.0	5.3
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	126.1	127.1	125.9
Employment	119.1	120.1	118.8
Unemployment	7.0	7.0	7.1
Rate (%)	5.5	5.5	5.6
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	71.6	70.8	69.7
Employment	67.4	66.9	66.2
Unemployment	4.2	3.9	3.6
Rate (%)	5.8	5.5	5.1
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	69.3	69.0	68.5
Employment	65.9	65.1	65.6
Unemployment	3.4	3.9	2.9
Rate (%)	5.0	5.7	4.2
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	39.8	38.8	38.1
Employment	36.4	35.8	35.3
Unemployment	3.4	3.1	2.8
Rate (%)	8.5	7.9	7.4
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.3	12.0	12.3
Employment	10.9	10.4	10.7
Unemployment	1.4	1.6	1.6
Rate (%)	11.5	13.0	13.2
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	52.7	52.9	50.7
Employment	50.0	50.2	48.5
Unemployment	2.7	2.7	2.2
Rate (%)	5.1	5.0	4.4
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.4	14.4	14.2
Employment	13.3	13.2	13.3
Unemployment	1.0	1.1	0.9
Rate (%)	7.1	8.0	6.3
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.0	20.8	21.5
Employment	19.6	19.4	19.8
Unemployment	1.4	1.4	1.7
Rate (%)	6.8	6.7	7.9

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. July '92	*Revised June '92*	*Revised July '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	122.2	122.3	124.6
Employment	111.6	112.0	114.5
Unemployment	10.7	10.3	10.1
Rate (%)	8.7	8.4	8.1
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	131.8	132.7	132.9
Employment	119.9	120.5	120.6
Unemployment	11.9	12.3	12.3
Rate (%)	9.0	9.2	9.2
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	76.7	74.9	75.0
Employment	69.8	68.3	69.1
Unemployment	6.9	6.6	5.9
Rate (%)	9.0	8.9	7.9
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	74.0	73.1	73.3
Employment	68.3	66.5	68.5
Unemployment	5.8	6.6	4.8
Rate (%)	7.8	9.1	6.6
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	42.0	40.8	41.3
Employment	36.9	36.3	36.7
Unemployment	5.1	4.5	4.6
Rate (%)	12.1	11.0	11.2
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	13.2	12.9	13.7
Employment	11.0	10.6	11.1
Unemployment	2.1	2.3	2.6
Rate (%)	16.1	17.8	19.2
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	54.7	54.8	54.1
Employment	50.7	50.9	50.5
Unemployment	4.0	3.9	3.6
Rate (%)	7.3	7.1	6.7
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	15.1	15.1	15.3
Employment	13.5	13.4	13.9
Unemployment	1.5	1.7	1.5
Rate (%)	10.2	11.1	9.5
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	22.0	21.7	23.4
Employment	19.8	19.7	20.6
Unemployment	2.1	2.0	2.8
Rate (%)	9.7	9.4	11.8

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 500 jobs during July 1992 in the Charleston MSA. The local goods-producing sector advanced by 600 jobs, particularly in construction (+400), with mining (+100) and manufacturing (+100) recording slight gains. The service-producing industries posted a small decline (-100) during July, with the decrease in services (-300) offset by an increase in total government (+400). Most other industries on the service-producing side remained essentially unchanged. Comparison with year-ago July 1991 indicates an increase of 600 job holders locally, with relatively small advances recorded in both the goods (+200) and service-producing (+400) sectors. Mining fell by 300, while construction posted a solid increase of 500 jobs. The service-producing industries increased slightly (+400), with the most notable gain occurring in services (+400). Transportation and public utilities declined by 200 over the year.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment indicated a slight gain (+100) during July 1992, with the corresponding unemployment rate also up slightly to 6.1 percent of the civilian labor force. Total unemployment increased by 900 over the year, as the unemployment rate increased markedly from 5.3 percent to the current 6.1 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. July '92	*Revised June '92*	*Revised July '91*
Labor Force	117.2	117.4	116.3
Employment	110.1	110.4	110.1
Unemployment	7.1	7.0	6.2
Rate (%)	6.1	6.0	5.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. July '92	*Revised June '92*	*Revised July '91*
Labor Force	122.2	122.3	124.6
Employment	111.6	112.0	114.5
Unemployment	10.7	10.3	10.1
Rate (%)	8.7	8.4	8.1

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '92	*June '92*	*July '91*	*July '92*	*June '92*	*July '91*	*July '92*	*June '92*	*July '91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	114.2	113.7	113.6						
PRIVATE SECTOR	93.6	93.5	93.1	37.0	37.1	37.3	10.02	9.89	9.84
GOODS-PRODUCING	18.5	17.9	18.3						
Mining	2.1	2.0	2.4						
Construction	5.8	5.4	5.3						
Manufacturing	10.6	10.5	10.6	44.6	44.1	42.3	14.68	14.67	14.23
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.7	43.7	43.2	35.8	10.57	10.45	11.58
Nondurable Goods	8.7	8.6	8.9	44.9	44.3	44.0	15.88	15.94	14.79
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.2	7.2	7.5	48.0	47.0	46.1	17.45	17.66	16.12
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.4	1.4	34.8	35.8	37.0	8.87	8.64	9.33
SERVICE-PRODUCING	95.7	95.8	95.3						
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.7	8.8	8.9						
Trade	28.5	28.6	28.4	33.4	33.3	33.1	7.71	7.76	7.77
Wholesale Trade	7.0	7.1	7.1	41.6	42.2	41.1	10.45	10.48	10.45
Retail Trade	21.5	21.5	21.3	31.0	30.7	30.7	6.61	6.64	6.69
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	4.2	4.2	4.3	30.6	30.5	31.2	7.08	7.01	7.32
Food Stores	3.9	3.9	3.9	29.1	28.9	27.5	6.43	6.46	6.31
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	2.6	2.5	2.5	36.9	35.9	37.2	8.68	8.41	8.48
Eating & Drinking Places	6.7	6.8	6.6	29.0	28.3	27.3	5.39	5.34	5.33
Other Retail Trade	4.1	4.1	4.0						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.5	6.5	6.5	37.2	37.1	36.9	8.50	8.66	8.99
Finance	2.9	2.9	2.9						
Insurance	2.6	2.6	2.6						
Real Estate	1.0	1.0	1.0						
Services	31.4	31.7	31.0	35.8	36.2	38.0	8.99	8.87	8.84
Personal & Business Services	5.2	5.3	5.1	34.5	33.5	34.1	6.41	6.22	6.17
Health Services	11.8	11.8	11.6	40.0	42.1	43.6	9.59	9.44	9.48
Social Services	2.2	2.2	2.0						
Membership Organizations	3.9	3.9	3.9						
Other Services	8.3	8.5	8.4						
Government	20.6	20.2	20.5						
Federal	2.1	2.1	2.1						
State	10.1	9.4	9.9						
Local	8.4	8.7	8.5						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment declined by 600 in the Huntington MSA during July 1992. The goods-producing sector retreated by 100 with the loss in the stone, clay, and glass industry. The remaining goods-producing industries reported no change in their employment levels. The service-producing sector declined by 500 jobs. Government in the Huntington MSA declined by 700 during July. State government increased by 600, while local government fell by 1,300 jobs, relating to the end of the school year in the MSA. Retail trade gained 100 jobs, as did health services and personal and business services.

Unemployment: Unemployment in the Huntington MSA held at 7,000 in July. The unemployment rate remained 5.5 percent of the civilian labor force. Over the year, total unemployment declined by 100, with the unemployment rate falling from 5.6 percent to the current 5.5 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. July '92	*Revised June '92*	*Revised July '91*
Labor Force	126.1	127.1	125.9
Employment	119.1	120.1	118.8
Unemployment	7.0	7.0	7.1
Rate (%)	5.5	5.5	5.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. July '92	*Revised June '92*	*Revised July '91*
Labor Force	131.8	132.7	132.9
Employment	119.9	120.5	120.6
Unemployment	11.9	12.3	12.3
Rate (%)	9.0	9.2	9.2

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '92	*June '92*	*July '91*	*July '92*	*June '92*	*July '91*	*July '92*	*June '92*	*July '91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	110.2	110.8	109.6						
PRIVATE SECTOR	92.1	92.0	91.9	36.1	35.7	35.1	10.45	10.47	9.96
GOODS-PRODUCING	26.4	26.5	26.1						
Mining	1.7	1.7	1.6						
Construction	4.9	4.9	4.8						
Manufacturing	19.8	19.9	19.7	41.0	41.2	40.1	14.15	14.15	13.86
Durable Goods	11.3	11.4	11.2	41.3	40.9	40.2	14.87	14.83	14.82
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.4	1.4	39.3	37.7	42.2	12.89	12.67	12.96
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.1	7.1	7.3	42.1	40.6	40.7	16.68	16.62	16.47
Other Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	2.5						
Nondurable Goods	8.5	8.5	8.5	40.7	41.7	40.0	13.16	13.20	12.51
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	39.5	39.0	36.0	6.73	6.81	7.36
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.5	4.5	4.4	42.1	43.9	40.2	16.79	16.94	16.00
Other Nondurable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.5						
SERVICE-PRODUCING	83.8	84.3	83.5						
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.2	7.2	8.0						
Trade	27.7	27.6	28.0	32.3	31.9	31.5	7.10	7.22	7.35
Wholesale Trade	5.5	5.5	5.6	40.9	39.4	38.2	9.96	10.23	10.63
Retail Trade	22.2	22.1	22.4	30.4	30.2	30.0	6.26	6.36	6.44
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	4.9	4.9	4.7	29.4	29.5	30.0	6.50	6.65	6.64
Food Stores	3.6	3.7	3.8	30.6	30.7	28.5	6.52	6.50	6.34
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	2.4	2.3	2.4	34.0	35.4	34.6	7.22	7.44	7.83
Eating & Drinking Places	7.1	7.1	7.2	27.4	26.3	26.1	5.14	5.23	5.08
Other Retail Trade	4.2	4.1	4.3						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.9	37.6	37.1	36.9	7.86	7.71	7.48
Services	26.9	26.8	25.9	34.3	34.0	33.0	9.51	9.63	8.65
Personal & Business Services	3.7	3.6	3.6						
Health Services	11.4	11.3	10.8	35.3	35.1	35.5	11.07	11.08	10.62
Government	18.1	18.8	17.7						
Federal	3.1	3.1	3.0						
State	4.7	4.1	4.4						
Local	10.3	11.6	10.3						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment expanded 800 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA during July 1992. Goods-producing businesses within mining, construction, and manufacturing were unchanged for the month while the service-producing sector accounted for the expansion entirely. Service-producing gains were recorded by transportation and public utilities (+100), trade (+400), services (+100), and government (+200). Compared to July 1991, total nonfarm payroll employment increased 1,400. The goods-producing sector, however, realized job losses (-700) during this twelve month period. Reductions were registered in construction (-400) and manufacturing (-300). Service-producing jobs, by comparison, increased 2,100. Advances were displayed in trade (+600), finance, insurance, and real estate (+100), services (+600), and government (+800).

Unemployment: The number of unemployed grew by 300 during July 1992 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. The unemployment rate as a result expanded from 5.5 to 5.8 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to July 1991, the unemployment rate grew from 5.1 to 5.8 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. July '92	*Revised June '92*	*Revised July '91*
Labor Force	71.6	70.8	69.7
Employment	67.4	66.9	66.2
Unemployment	4.2	3.9	3.6
Rate (%)	5.8	5.5	5.1

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. July '92	*Revised June '92*	*Revised July '91*
Labor Force	76.7	74.9	75.0
Employment	69.8	68.3	69.1
Unemployment	6.9	6.6	5.9
Rate (%)	9.0	8.9	7.9

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '92	*June'92*	*July '91*	*July '92*	*June'92*	*July '91*	*July '92*	*June'92*	*July '91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	63.3	62.5	61.9						
PRIVATE SECTOR	52.7	52.1	52.1	35.2	35.6	34.6	10.25	10.34	10.09
GOODS-PRODUCING	16.9	16.9	17.6						
Mining	0.4	0.4	0.4						
Construction	2.7	2.7	3.1						
Manufacturing	13.8	13.8	14.1	41.0	44.5	41.0	14.39	14.64	14.31
Durable Goods	6.6	6.6	6.8	37.4	44.3	37.8	12.60	13.10	12.85
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.9	0.9	0.9	36.3	37.8	36.3	9.00	8.86	9.21
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	43.0	43.6	42.5	13.56	13.61	14.63
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	33.9	47.0	34.3	13.39	14.31	13.25
Other Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.5						
Nondurable Goods	7.2	7.2	7.3	45.2	44.7	44.6	16.16	16.44	15.72
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.3	5.3	5.5	44.8	44.9	44.6	17.95	18.05	17.12
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8						
SERVICE-PRODUCING	46.4	45.6	44.3						
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.7	2.6	2.7						
Trade	15.4	15.0	14.8	32.9	32.6	32.5	7.25	6.94	6.99
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.0	2.9	42.1	41.2	41.3	9.21	9.19	9.33
Retail Trade	12.4	12.0	11.9	30.9	30.7	30.5	6.69	6.27	6.26
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	2.5	2.2	2.2	31.4	29.6	31.8	6.37	6.66	6.94
Food Stores	2.2	2.1	2.2	31.6	32.2	30.1	6.84	6.76	6.61
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	1.7	1.7	1.6	41.3	42.5	43.6	7.97	7.19	7.23
Eating & Drinking Places	3.8	3.8	3.7	25.5	24.8	24.5	6.08	4.73	4.73
Other Retail Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.4	2.4	2.3	30.1	30.8	29.9	6.79	7.06	6.86
Services	15.3	15.2	14.7	32.2	31.2	30.6	8.00	7.87	7.86
Personal & Business Services	3.7	3.7	3.5	35.1	33.1	33.5	7.85	7.38	7.23
Health Services	4.9	4.8	4.7	32.3	31.7	32.4	9.07	9.14	8.88
Other Services	6.7	6.7	6.5						
Government	10.6	10.4	9.8						
Federal	2.0	2.0	1.9						
State	1.3	1.1	1.2						
Local	7.3	7.3	6.7						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 700 jobs during July 1992 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA. The local goods-producing sector advanced by 300 jobs, with increases in mining(+200) and construction(+100). The service-producing industries posted a slightly larger increase of 400 jobs, with transportation and public utilities boasting the largest increase (+600), and total government increasing 100. Trade suffered a loss of 300 jobs. Most other industries on the service-producing side remained essentially unchanged. Comparison with year-ago July indicates only a slight increase of 200 jobs locally, with losses of 500 in the goods-producing sector and a sizeable increase in the service-producing(+700) sector. Manufacturing (-300) and trade(-300) suffered the most substantial losses, while transportation and public utilities(+600),and services(+400) showed marked increases.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment decreased 500 during July 1992, with the corresponding unemployment rate dropping to 5.0 percent of the civilian labor force. Total unemployment increased 500 over the year, thus causing a jump from 4.2 percent to the current 5.0 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. July '92	*Revised June '92*	*Revised July '91*
Labor Force	69.3	69.0	68.5
Employment	65.9	65.1	65.6
Unemployment	3.4	3.9	2.9
Rate (%)	5.0	5.7	4.2

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. July '92	*Revised June '92*	*Revised July '91*
Labor Force	74.0	73.1	73.3
Employment	68.3	66.5	68.5
Unemployment	5.8	6.6	4.8
Rate (%)	7.8	9.1	6.6

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July '92	*June '92*	*July '91*	*July '92*	*June '92*	*July '91*	*July '92*	*June '92*	*July '91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	60.9	60.2	60.7						
PRIVATE SECTOR	51.3	50.7	51.0	34.4	34.4	34.5	9.68	9.46	9.89
GOODS-PRODUCING	11.0	10.7	11.5						
Mining	2.	1.9	2.2	39.6	43.7	43.0	19.16	19.25	19.10
Construction	2.0	1.9	2.1						
Manufacturing	6.9	6.9	7.2	38.3	38.8	41.8	14.18	14.46	15.18
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	2.8	36.4	36.1	39.7	12.84	13.37	14.02
Nondurable Goods	4.2	4.2	4.4	40.0	41.0	43.6	15.21	15.26	16.03
SERVICE-PRODUCING	49.9	49.5	49.2						
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.9	3.3	3.3						
Trade	15.3	15.6	15.6	31.7	31.8	32.2	7.00	6.96	7.01
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.8	2.9	40.1	39.5	39.3	9.66	9.39	9.32
Retail Trade	12.6	12.8	12.7	30.0	30.2	30.7	6.29	6.33	6.39
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	2.6	2.6	2.5						
Food Stores	2.3	2.4	2.3						
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	1.5	1.5	1.6						
Eating & Drinking Places	4.0	4.1	4.2						
Other Retail Trade	2.2	2.2	2.1						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.2	3.2	3.1	34.1	34.2	33.3	7.19	7.17	6.93
Services	17.9	17.9	17.5						
Health Services	8.1	8.1	7.9	36.6	37.2	33.4	8.10	7.99	8.53
Other Services	9.8	9.8	9.6						
Government	9.6	9.5	9.7						
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7						
State	1.8	1.6	1.7						
Local	7.1	7.2	7.3						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date*	Active File	NONFARM JOB OPENINGS				Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
			Received Program Year to Date	Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total		
TOTAL	191,261	72,667	39,421	2,546	1,585	27,163	4.9	28.5
Professional, Technical & Managerial	20,285	7,369	1,640	204	110	605	12.4	36.1
Clerical & Sales	51,188	16,569	9,962	875	573	5,924	5.1	18.9
Services	24,137	7,745	8,745	408	190	6,025	2.8	19.0
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,914	774	226	6	3	124	8.5	129.0
Processing	10,734	4,156	1,044	163	146	853	10.3	25.5
Machine Trades	12,888	5,252	1,393	75	47	859	9.3	70.0
Benchwork	7,331	2,845	1,079	66	51	732	6.8	43.1
Structural Work	32,704	13,895	2,767	274	132	1,529	11.8	50.7
Miscellaneous	39,323	15,730	12,565	475	333	10,512	3.1	33.1
Transportation	8,655	3,433	1,433	136	61	756	6.0	25.2
Packaging & Materials Handling	21,955	7,596	10,229	132	88	9,319	2.1	57.5
Other	8,713	4,701	903	207	184	437	9.6	22.7
Entry Total	20	20	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

**July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992*

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

	July 1992	June 1992	July 1991	Percent Change: June 1992	Percent Change: July 1991
Initial Claims	9,498	7,939	9,262	19.6	2.5
Weeks Claimed	86,458	97,151	98,349	-11.0	-12.1
Benefits Paid	$10,990,346	$12,810,981	$12,597,458	-14.2	-12.8
Weeks Compensated	71,377	83,942	83,656	-15.0	-14.7
Average Weekly Payment	$153.98	$152.62	$150.59	0.9	2.3
Trust Fund Balance, End of Month	$140,151,821	$138,583,037	$127,689,353	1.1	9.8

Workers' Compensation

Select Workers' Compensation Claims Activities

	July 1992	June 1992	July 1991	Percent Change: June 1992	Percent Change: July 1991
Temporary Disability Benefits Paid	5,769,101	7,813,903	7,809,545	-26.2	-26.1
Medical Benefits Paid	7,186,903	9,600,636	6,530,677	-25.1	10.0
Permanent Partial Disability Benefits Paid	4,355,535	3,518,217	4,121,927	23.8	5.7
Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	8,019,656	8,629,019	6,392,759	-7.1	25.4
Benefits to Dependents of Fatalities	1,963,315	1,862,211	1,504,456	5.4	30.5
Funeral Benefits Paid	3,500	28,000	20,913	-87.5	-83.3
Miscellaneous Benefits Paid*	265,102	244,632	35,479	8.4	647.2
DWRF** Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	638,098	611,411	614,180	4.4	3.9
DWRF** Benefits Paid to Dependents of Fatalities	1,024,834	1,062,835	1,036,161	-3.6	-1.1
Sum of All Benefits Paid	29,226,045	33,370,864	28,066,097	-12.4	4.1

** Includes returned benefit checks, attorney fees and specified dependent benefits.*

*** Disabled Workers' Relief Fund provides benefits to meet the weekly minimum benefit payable for worker's injured prior to July 1, 1971.*

Select Job Training Partnership Act Characteristics

Performance Standard Report
July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992

Job Training Program	**Standard**	**Actual**
Entered Employment Rate - Adults	68	68
Average Wage at Placements Adults	4.95	3.43
Cost Per Entered Employment Adults	4,500	4,396
Entered Employment Rate - Welfare Recipients	56	60
Entered Employment Rate - Youth (Out of School Programs)	45	45
Positive Termination Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	75	81
Cost Per Positive Termination - Youth	4,900	3,804
Employability Enhancement Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	33	65

Characteristics	**Enrolled**	**Positive Outlook***
Adult	3,658	2,963
Female	2,011	1,630
Male	1,647	1,333
Youth	3,597	2,914
Female	1,790	1,486
Male	1,807	1,428
School Dropout	**	1,079
High School Graduate /Equivalent or above	**	3,487
Single Parent	**	730
Black	**	448
Hispanic	**	11
Handicapped	**	666
Unemployed	**	3,286
Welfare	**	1,305
Veterans	**	407

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Mountain State MiniStatistic

The number of private sector payroll jobs in West Virginia reached 512,800 in August 1992. This was the State's highest private employment level since November 1981.

Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force in West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	*Prelim. Aug. '92*	*Revised July '92*	*Revised Aug. '91*	*Change from: July 1992*	*Change from: Aug. 1991*
Civilian Labor Force	742.4	755.4	733.5	-13.0	8.9
Total Employment	688.7	697.0	683.6	-8.3	5.1
Total Unemployment	53.7	58.4	49.9	-4.7	3.8
Unemployment Rate	7.2	7.7	6.8	xx	xx

BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	*Prelim. Aug. '92*	*Revised July '92*	*Revised Aug. '91*	*Change from: July 1992*	*Change from: Aug. 1991*
Civilian Labor Force	774.9	794.4	795.1	-19.5	-20.2
Total Employment	689.8	706.9	707.0	-17.1	-17.2
Total Unemployment	85.0	87.5	88.1	-2.5	-3.1
Unemployment Rate	11.0	11.0	11.1	xx	xx

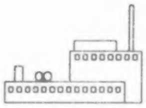
EMPLOYMENT: Total employment decreased 8,300 during the month to an estimated 688,700 in mid-August. A large seasonal decline in employment is typical for this time of year, due to the phaseout of the Governor's Summer Youth Program.

Payroll employment decreased 9,500 to 636,700 in August 1992. Dominating the retrenchment was a seasonal decrease in state government (-10,100) as the Governor's Summer Youth Program wound down. The youth program retained about 1,000 employees in August. Most other service-producing industries remained essentially unchanged over the month, with the exception of services, which recorded a seasonal gain of 500 jobs. The goods-producing sector increased by 300, with contract construction (+500) primarily responsible for the monthly advance. Mining (-100) and manufacturing (-100) both declined slightly during August 1992.

Nonfarm payroll employment in West Virginia has increased 7,700 since August 1991. The service-producing sector accounted for most of the increase, posting a gain of 7,400 jobs. Services grew by 3,900 annually, with both the health (+1,800) and social (+1,200) services industries up sharply over the year. Retail trade employment was also a major player in this annual increase, advancing by 1,100 jobs from a year ago. Government employment was up 2,200 over the year, with the carry-over summer youth programs responsible for about half the increase and the remainder split among federal, state, and local. In the goods-producing sector annual employment trends were divergent. Construction recorded a sharp increase of 2,300 while mining fell by 1,400 jobs. Manufacturing employment fell by some 600 jobs, with the durable (-300) and nondurable (-300) components each recording a decline.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents contracted 4,700 to an estimated 53,700 in mid-August. This represents an unemployment rate of 7.2 percent for August, down from 7.7 percent last month, but still above the 6.8 percent for the same month a year ago.

West Virginia Economic Indicators



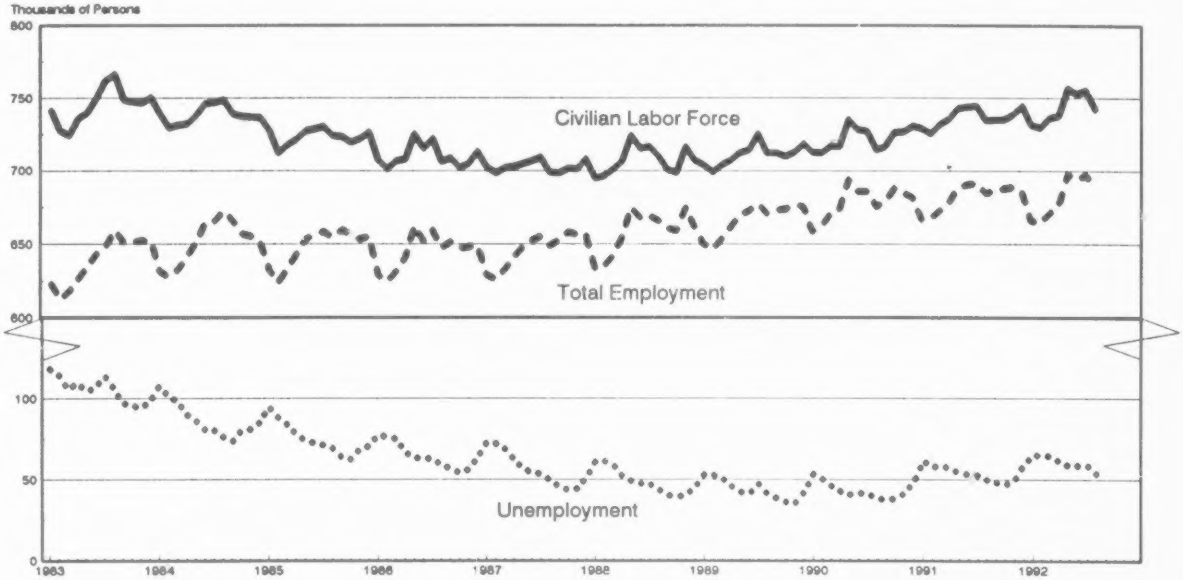
	Aug. 1992	*July 1992*	*Aug. 1991*
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.6	40.0	40.4
Seasonally Adjusted	40.8	40.4	40.6
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,542	2,506	2,538
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$489.23	$485.60	$474.70
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	48.4	39.9	46.3
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$853.78	$731.77	$851.92
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	14,138	13,276	14,927
Seasonally Adjusted	13,313	16,662	14,056
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,188	1,150	1,137
Seasonally Adjusted	1,181	1,188	1,130
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	6,733	5,753	6,975
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,002	1,189	1,111
Seasonally Adjusted	1,061	1,123	1,177
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,560	2,065	1,779
Seasonally Adjusted	1,744	1,845	1,989
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	2.9	3.4	3.5
Seasonally Adjusted	3.6	3.8	4.3
Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted			
WV Series	7.9	8.0	7.4
BLS Series	10.8	11.6	10.9

Selected National Data

	Aug. 1992	*July 1992*	*Aug. 1991*
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	7.3	7.6	6.5
Seasonally Adjusted	7.6	7.7	6.8
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	140.9	140.5	136.6
1967 Base	422.0	420.8	409.2
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods Unadjusted, 1982 Base	123.5	123.7	121.7
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	322.3	452.6	344.2
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	2.8	3.0	2.8
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.1	3.1
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	$369.60	$363.99	$357.06
Average Weekly Hours	35.0	34.6	34.7
Average Hourly Earnings	$10.56	$10.52	$10.29

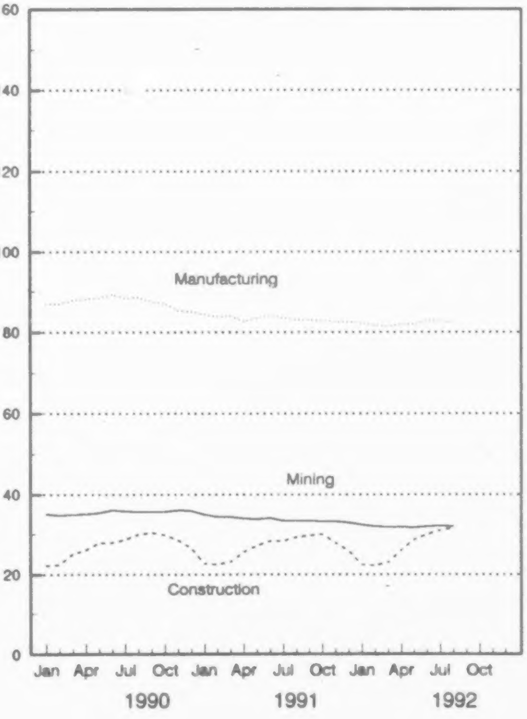
Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Total Employment, Unemployment and Civilian Labor Force



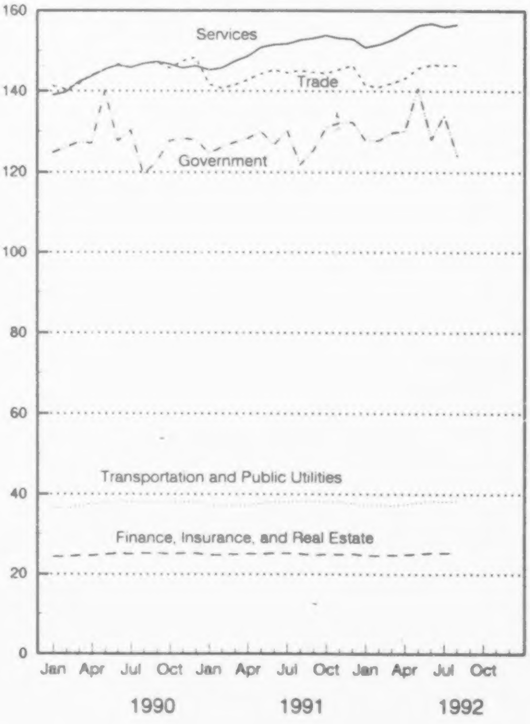
Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Service Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug. '92	Revised July '92	Revised Aug. '91	Change From: July 1992	Change From: Aug. 1991
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	636.7	646.2	629.0	-9.5	7.7
PRIVATE SECTOR	512.8	512.1	507.3	0.7	5.5
GOODS-PRODUCING	146.3	146.0	146.0	0.3	0.3
Mining	32.1	32.2	33.5	-0.1	-1.4
Coal Mining	27.1	27.2	27.9	-0.1	-0.8
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.0	4.0	4.6	0.0	-0.6
Other Mining	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	31.6	31.1	29.3	0.5	2.3
General Building Contractors	8.9	8.2	7.7	0.7	1.2
Heavy Construction	9.2	9.4	8.5	-0.2	0.7
Special Trade Contractors	13.5	13.5	13.1	0.0	0.4
Manufacturing	82.6	82.7	83.2	-0.1	-0.6
Durable Goods	45.4	45.4	45.7	0.0	-0.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	8.0	8.1	7.6	-0.1	0.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.1	7.0	7.4	0.1	-0.3
Primary Metals Industries	13.6	13.7	13.4	-0.1	0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	5.4	5.4	5.4	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.5	4.6	5.2	-0.1	-0.7
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.4	2.3	2.5	0.1	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.0	0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.2	2.2	0.1	0.1
Nondurable Goods	37.2	37.3	37.5	-0.1	-0.3
Food & Kindred Products	4.3	4.3	4.0	0.0	0.3
Textile Mill Products	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.9	3.9	4.1	0.0	-0.2
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	5.0	5.0	5.1	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	16.8	17.0	17.5	-0.2	-0.7
Other Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.0	4.8	0.1	0.3
SERVICE-PRODUCING	490.4	500.2	483.0	-9.8	7.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	38.2	38.2	38.4	0.0	-0.2
Railroad Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.9	0.0	-0.3
Trucking & Warehousing	10.2	10.1	10.1	0.1	0.1
Other Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.0
Communications	8.1	8.2	8.2	-0.1	-0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.7	12.7	12.6	0.0	0.1
Trade	146.4	146.5	145.2	-0.1	1.2
Wholesale Trade	30.3	30.3	30.2	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	116.1	116.2	115.0	-0.1	1.1
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.4	5.4	5.0	0.0	0.4
General Merchandise Stores	16.5	16.5	16.1	0.0	0.4
Food Stores	22.4	22.4	22.6	0.0	-0.2
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.7	14.7	14.7	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.0	4.9	5.1	0.1	-0.1
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	35.8	35.9	35.2	-0.1	0.6
Miscellaneous Retail	12.0	12.1	12.1	-0.1	-0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	25.3	25.3	25.0	0.0	0.3
Finance	14.1	14.1	14.1	0.0	0.0
Insurance	6.9	6.8	6.7	0.1	0.2
Real Estate	4.3	4.4	4.2	-0.1	0.1
Services	156.6	156.1	152.7	0.5	3.9
Agricultural Services	2.6	2.5	2.6	0.1	0.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.8	8.6	8.9	0.2	-0.1
Personal Services	6.3	6.3	6.1	0.0	0.2
Business Services	14.8	14.9	14.5	-0.1	0.3
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.9	5.8	5.7	0.1	0.2
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	7.2	6.9	7.2	0.3	0.0
Health Services	60.6	60.5	58.8	0.1	1.8
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	11.0	10.9	10.9	0.1	0.1
Hospitals	30.3	30.3	29.3	0.0	1.0
Other Health Services	19.3	19.3	18.6	0.0	0.7
Legal Services	4.3	4.4	4.3	-0.1	0.0
Educational Services	4.2	4.3	4.3	-0.1	-0.1
Social Services	13.3	13.0	12.1	0.3	1.2
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.8	19.6	-0.2	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	8.2	8.2	7.7	0.0	0.5
Government	123.9	134.1	121.7	-10.2	2.2
Federal	17.5	17.5	17.2	0.0	0.3
Hospitals	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	9.2	9.2	9.0	0.0	0.2
State	37.7	47.8	36.2	-10.1	1.5
Hospitals	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.0	0.1
Education	13.4	13.3	13.5	0.1	-0.1
Other State	21.7	31.9	20.2	-10.2	1.5
Local	68.7	68.8	68.3	-0.1	0.4
Hospitals	5.2	5.2	4.9	0.0	0.3
Education	40.1	40.3	40.7	-0.2	-0.6
Other Local	23.4	23.3	22.7	0.1	0.7
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.2	0.2	1.7	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug. '92	Revised July '92	Revised Aug. '91	Change From	
				July 1992	Aug. 1991
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	283.4	288.3	279.6	-4.9	3.8
PRIVATE SECTOR	218.8	219.1	215.1	-0.3	3.7
GOODS-PRODUCING	23.6	23.3	24.0	0.3	-0.4
Mining	1.9	1.8	2.0	0.1	-0.1
Coal Mining	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.1	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Construction	2.4	2.4	2.2	0.0	0.2
General Building Contractors	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.1
Heavy Construction	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	19.3	19.1	19.8	0.2	-0.5
Durable Goods	7.0	7.0	7.5	0.0	-0.5
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.0	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.0	-0.2
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.8	0.9	0.8	-0.1	0.0
Transportation Equipment	0.2	0.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.1
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	12.3	12.1	12.3	0.2	0.0
Food & Kindred Products	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.0	0.2
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.4	3.4	3.4	0.0	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	2.9	2.8	3.0	0.1	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.0	2.1	0.1	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	259.8	265.0	255.6	-5.2	4.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.5	8.5	8.3	0.0	0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Communications	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1
Trade	69.7	69.6	68.4	0.1	1.3
Wholesale Trade	6.4	6.4	6.1	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	63.3	63.2	62.3	0.1	1.0
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.7	11.7	11.1	0.0	0.6
Food Stores	12.0	11.9	12.1	0.1	-0.1
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.8	3.8	3.6	0.0	0.2
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.1	4.1	4.3	0.0	-0.2
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	21.3	21.3	20.7	0.0	0.6
Miscellaneous Retail	7.9	8.0	8.1	-0.1	-0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.7	15.8	15.5	-0.1	0.2
Finance	10.9	11.0	11.0	-0.1	-0.1
Insurance	3.3	3.3	3.0	0.0	0.3
Real Estate	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Services	101.3	101.9	98.9	-0.6	2.4
Agricultural Services	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.8	4.8	4.8	0.0	0.0
Personal Services	4.2	4.1	4.0	0.1	0.2
Business Services	7.7	7.7	7.2	0.0	0.5
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	3.5	3.3	3.4	0.2	0.1
Health Services	49.9	49.7	48.2	0.2	1.7
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.0	9.8	9.7	0.2	0.3
Hospitals	25.2	25.2	24.1	0.0	1.1
Other Health Services	14.7	14.7	14.4	0.0	0.3
Legal Services	3.3	3.4	3.4	-0.1	-0.1
Educational Services	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	0.1
Social Services	9.7	9.4	9.0	0.3	0.7
Membership Organizations	10.3	11.6	11.5	-1.3	-1.2
Engineering & Management Services	3.1	3.1	2.8	0.0	0.3
Government	64.6	69.2	64.5	-4.6	0.1
Federal	7.8	8.1	7.3	-0.3	0.5
Hospitals	1.8	1.9	1.7	-0.1	0.1
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	4.6	4.8	4.2	-0.2	0.4
State	17.7	22.1	17.2	-4.4	0.5
Hospitals	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
Education	7.2	7.2	7.0	0.0	0.2
Other State	8.7	13.1	8.5	-4.4	0.2
Local	39.1	39.0	40.0	0.1	-0.9
Hospitals	4.3	4.3	4.1	0.0	0.2
Education	25.9	26.1	28.0	-0.2	-2.1
Other Local	8.9	8.6	7.9	0.3	1.0

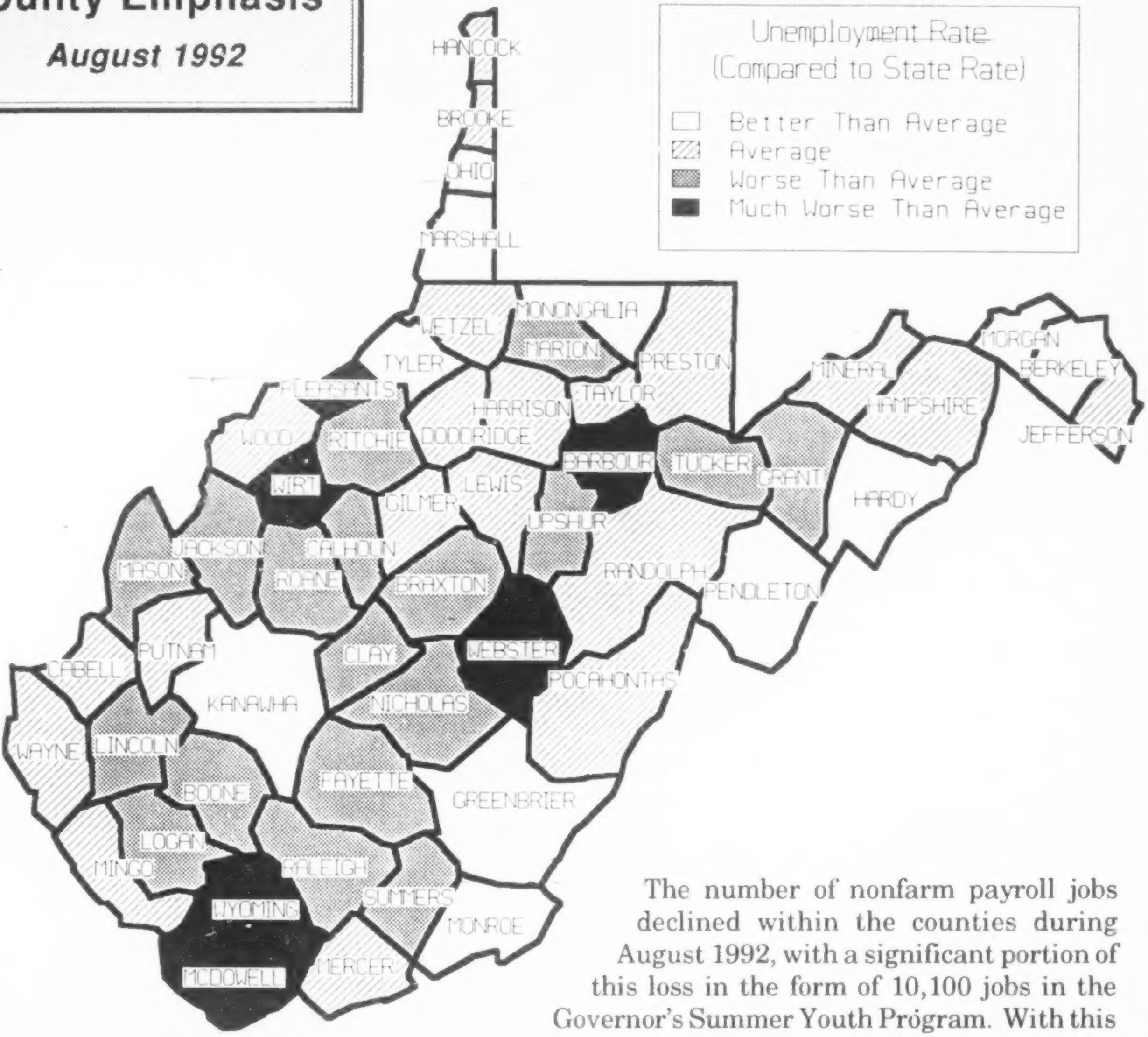
Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia
Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. '92	July '92	Aug. '91	Aug. '92	July '92	Aug. '91	Aug. '92	July '92	Aug. '91
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	$373.03	$366.54	$364.17	36.5	35.9	36.2	$10.22	$10.21	$10.06
Mining	803.49	694.66	794.99	47.6	40.2	45.9	16.88	17.28	17.32
Coal Mining	853.78	731.77	851.92	48.4	39.9	46.3	17.64	18.34	18.40
Oil & Gas Extraction	503.36	481.22	480.04	41.6	41.2	43.6	12.10	11.68	11.01
Other Mining	500.42	482.53	481.94	46.9	47.4	44.5	10.67	10.18	10.83
Construction	598.54	608.40	584.82	39.3	40.0	40.5	15.23	15.21	14.44
Manufacturing	489.23	485.60	474.70	40.6	40.0	40.4	12.05	12.14	11.75
Durable Goods	492.46	486.40	482.62	40.8	40.0	40.9	12.07	12.16	11.80
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	310.02	310.68	302.35	40.9	40.4	40.1	7.58	7.69	7.54
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	442.49	456.60	448.87	39.9	40.3	39.1	11.09	11.33	11.48
Primary Metals Industries	668.26	651.13	632.16	42.7	40.9	42.8	15.65	15.92	14.77
Fabricated Metal Products	441.58	418.10	426.34	38.6	37.0	38.1	11.44	11.30	11.19
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	464.71	463.20	506.74	40.2	40.0	41.4	11.56	11.58	12.24
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	585.23	555.66	591.67	43.0	40.5	45.2	13.61	13.72	13.09
Transportation Equipment	511.61	514.12	511.43	38.7	39.7	45.1	13.22	12.95	11.34
Nondurable Goods	484.81	484.80	464.47	40.3	40.0	39.8	12.03	12.12	11.67
Food & Kindred Products	368.01	376.65	362.47	37.9	38.2	37.1	9.71	9.86	9.77
Textile Mill Products	265.32	273.39	277.12	40.2	39.0	41.3	6.60	7.01	6.71
Apparel & Other Textile Products	208.12	212.80	200.20	36.9	38.0	33.2	5.64	5.60	6.03
Paper & Allied Products	386.13	361.78	327.54	42.2	39.8	41.2	9.15	9.09	7.95
Printing & Publishing	341.44	337.59	355.13	35.2	34.1	37.5	9.70	9.90	9.47
Chemicals & Allied Products	772.20	763.48	705.60	45.0	44.7	45.0	17.16	17.08	15.68
Transportation & Public Utilities	522.08	516.67	508.32	41.6	41.4	41.7	12.55	12.48	12.19
Trucking & Warehousing	435.10	414.20	449.01	45.8	43.6	45.4	9.50	9.50	9.89
Communications	547.93	545.01	501.23	36.7	38.3	37.8	14.93	14.23	13.26
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	655.35	666.42	624.31	42.5	43.5	41.9	15.42	15.32	14.90
Trade	247.41	253.00	237.86	32.9	32.9	32.1	7.52	7.69	7.41
Wholesale Trade	481.75	494.27	455.39	41.0	41.5	41.1	11.75	11.91	11.08
Retail Trade	190.96	194.04	183.57	31.0	30.8	29.8	6.16	6.30	6.16
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	274.99	275.77	263.21	40.8	40.2	39.7	6.74	6.86	6.63
General Merchandise Stores	203.36	201.16	195.85	31.0	30.9	29.9	6.56	6.51	6.55
Food Stores	200.60	203.79	179.99	31.1	31.4	28.3	6.45	6.49	6.36
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	261.25	270.96	278.82	35.4	35.7	36.4	7.38	7.59	7.66
Apparel & Accessory Stores	145.33	140.67	142.57	29.3	27.8	26.9	4.96	5.06	5.30
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	275.15	276.39	280.78	36.3	37.4	36.8	7.58	7.39	7.63
Eating & Drinking Places	135.18	143.34	126.94	27.7	27.2	26.5	4.88	5.27	4.79
Miscellaneous Retail	197.46	190.97	192.46	30.1	29.7	30.5	6.56	6.43	6.31
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	321.63	308.91	305.71	36.8	36.3	36.7	8.74	8.51	8.33
Finance	280.07	260.64	253.40	36.9	36.0	36.2	7.59	7.24	7.00
Insurance	439.02	442.18	451.62	37.3	37.6	38.6	11.77	11.76	11.70
Real Estate	298.44	287.91	293.40	36.0	35.5	36.0	8.29	8.11	8.15
Services	289.15	288.49	280.16	34.3	34.1	34.0	8.43	8.46	8.24
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	255.64	253.29	260.07	33.2	31.9	33.3	7.70	7.94	7.81
Personal Services	241.49	246.75	218.40	32.9	33.3	33.6	7.34	7.41	6.50
Business Services	238.26	256.09	231.18	33.0	34.7	33.7	7.22	7.38	6.86
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	337.19	351.92	338.52	39.3	39.9	38.6	8.58	8.82	8.77
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	171.71	169.94	171.67	34.9	29.1	28.9	4.92	5.84	5.94
Health Services	332.70	333.96	323.69	36.4	36.3	36.7	9.14	9.20	8.82
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	198.87	199.80	192.09	33.2	33.3	33.7	5.99	6.00	5.70
Hospitals	395.75	397.06	387.83	38.2	38.4	38.9	10.36	10.34	9.97
Other Health Services	306.56	305.86	294.45	35.4	34.6	34.6	8.66	8.84	8.51
Legal Services	437.31	405.50	399.67	38.7	36.4	36.4	11.30	11.14	10.98
Social Services	220.80	209.87	180.96	32.0	31.0	29.0	6.90	6.77	6.24
Engineering & Management Services	431.24	402.95	403.99	36.3	35.1	36.2	11.88	11.48	11.16

The above figures represent the hours and earnings of more than 400,000 private sector production and nonsupervisory workers in West Virginia. Comparable totals for the United States appear at the bottom of page 3. Additional industry detail for the United States and for other states is available upon request.

County Emphasis

August 1992


Unemployment Rate
(Compared to State Rate)
☐ Better Than Average
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■ Much Worse Than Average
HANCOCK
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GREENBRIER
LOGAN
MINGO
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WYOMING
SUMMERS
MONROE
MCDOWELL
MERCER

The number of nonfarm payroll jobs declined within the counties during August 1992, with a significant portion of this loss in the form of 10,100 jobs in the Governor's Summer Youth Program. With this in mind, seasonal economic gains permitted the majority of counties to record declines in their West Virginia Series unemployment rate during the thirty-day period. Anticipated expansion in service-type businesses as well as an increase in the number of construction jobs provided the spark for several counties to register rates considered better than average. Within this group are Marshall (6.1), Morgan (6.0), Berkeley (5.9), Monroe (5.8), Greenbrier (5.7), Tyler (5.7), Kanawha (5.6), Ohio (5.0), Monongalia (3.9), Hardy (3.7), and Pendleton (3.4).

With the conspicuous exception of the decline in government employment, progress observed in the private sector supplied economic support for a number of counties dealing with double-digit unemployment rates. As a result, the number of counties posting rates considered much worse than average when compared to the state rate continues to decline. Within this group are Wirt (11.3), Pleasants (11.9), Webster (14.4), McDowell (14.7), Wyoming (15.6), and Barbour (16.8).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

August 1992

(Revised July 1992 in parentheses)

These Labor Force Statistics Were Designed To Be Used For Economic Analysis

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,030	(4,200)	3,360	(3,450)	680	(750)	16.8	(17.8)
Berkeley	30,640	(31,030)	28,840	(28,940)	1,800	(2,080)	5.9	(6.7)
Boone	8,620	(8,760)	7,650	(7,810)	970	(950)	11.2	(10.8)
Braxton	5,280	(5,410)	4,700	(4,790)	580	(610)	10.9	(11.4)
Brooke	9,920	(9,950)	9,120	(9,160)	800	(800)	8.1	(8.0)
Cabell	42,760	(43,480)	40,130	(40,500)	2,630	(2,980)	6.2	(6.9)
Calhoun	2,800	(2,970)	2,510	(2,550)	290	(420)	10.2	(14.2)
Clay	3,130	(3,450)	2,810	(3,060)	320	(390)	10.1	(11.4)
Doddridge	2,430	(2,620)	2,270	(2,320)	170	(300)	6.8	(11.5)
Fayette	17,110	(17,550)	15,610	(15,890)	1,500	(1,660)	8.8	(9.4)
Gilmer	2,800	(2,970)	2,620	(2,750)	180	(220)	6.4	(7.3)
Grant	4,820	(4,870)	4,380	(4,440)	440	(430)	9.1	(8.9)
Greenbrier	15,350	(15,580)	14,480	(14,470)	870	(1,110)	5.7	(7.1)
Hampshire	7,220	(7,220)	6,730	(6,670)	500	(550)	6.9	(7.6)
Hancock	13,260	(13,280)	12,220	(12,260)	1,040	(1,020)	7.9	(7.7)
Hardy	6,140	(6,250)	5,920	(5,990)	230	(260)	3.7	(4.1)
Harrison	29,910	(31,010)	27,790	(28,380)	2,120	(2,620)	7.1	(8.5)
Jackson	9,630	(9,380)	8,740	(8,900)	880	(980)	9.2	(10.0)
Jefferson	17,340	(17,280)	16,250	(16,160)	1,090	(1,120)	6.3	(6.5)
Kanawha	99,380	(99,660)	93,840	(93,850)	5,540	(5,800)	5.6	(5.8)
Lewis	7,360	(7,560)	6,840	(6,940)	520	(620)	7.1	(8.2)
Lincoln	8,100	(8,570)	7,360	(7,780)	740	(800)	9.1	(9.3)
Logan	13,670	(13,950)	12,180	(12,490)	1,490	(1,460)	10.9	(10.4)
McDowell	6,740	(7,220)	5,750	(6,170)	990	(1,060)	14.7	(14.6)
Marion	21,680	(22,100)	19,710	(20,020)	1,970	(2,090)	9.1	(9.4)
Marshall	14,440	(14,630)	13,550	(13,690)	890	(950)	6.1	(6.5)
Mason	9,710	(9,950)	8,720	(8,890)	1,000	(1,060)	10.3	(10.7)
Mercer	26,030	(26,540)	24,190	(24,590)	1,840	(1,940)	7.1	(7.3)
Mineral	10,440	(10,610)	9,780	(9,900)	670	(710)	6.4	(6.7)
Mingo	12,020	(12,720)	11,060	(11,660)	960	(1,060)	8.0	(8.3)
Monongalia	39,410	(39,760)	37,870	(38,120)	1,540	(1,640)	3.9	(4.1)
Monroe	5,420	(5,390)	5,100	(5,100)	320	(300)	5.8	(5.5)
Morgan	5,400	(5,500)	5,080	(5,100)	320	(400)	6.0	(7.3)
Nicholas	8,890	(9,120)	7,910	(8,200)	980	(920)	11.0	(10.1)
Ohio	24,180	(24,460)	22,960	(23,190)	1,220	(1,280)	5.0	(5.2)
Pendleton	4,060	(4,100)	3,920	(3,940)	140	(170)	3.4	(4.0)
Pleasants	2,230	(2,280)	1,960	(2,020)	270	(260)	11.9	(11.3)
Pocahontas	4,270	(4,470)	3,920	(4,030)	350	(430)	8.1	(9.7)
Preston	12,690	(12,910)	11,800	(11,880)	890	(1,030)	7.0	(8.0)
Putnam	16,950	(17,040)	15,740	(15,740)	1,200	(1,300)	7.1	(7.6)
Raleigh	28,850	(29,210)	26,330	(26,630)	2,520	(2,580)	8.7	(8.8)
Randolph	11,670	(12,120)	10,770	(10,990)	910	(1,130)	7.8	(9.3)
Ritchie	5,410	(5,510)	4,950	(5,030)	470	(480)	8.6	(8.7)
Roane	4,730	(5,080)	4,260	(4,420)	470	(650)	9.9	(12.9)
Summers	4,360	(4,540)	3,980	(4,120)	380	(420)	8.6	(9.3)
Taylor	5,830	(6,020)	5,450	(5,560)	380	(460)	6.6	(7.6)
Tucker	4,050	(4,180)	3,660	(3,740)	400	(440)	9.7	(10.5)
Tyler	4,710	(4,850)	4,440	(4,520)	270	(340)	5.7	(6.9)
Upshur	7,970	(8,120)	7,180	(7,330)	790	(790)	9.9	(9.7)
Wayne	15,480	(15,660)	14,400	(14,530)	1,090	(1,130)	7.0	(7.2)
Webster	3,030	(3,190)	2,600	(2,690)	440	(500)	14.4	(15.6)
Wetzel	9,350	(9,510)	8,680	(8,830)	670	(680)	7.1	(7.2)
Wirt	1,980	(2,060)	1,760	(1,800)	220	(260)	11.3	(12.7)
Wood	42,020	(41,940)	39,210	(39,020)	2,810	(2,920)	6.7	(7.0)
Wyoming	6,690	(7,140)	5,640	(5,990)	1,040	(1,140)	15.6	(16.0)
Statewide	742,400	(755,400)	688,700	(697,000)	53,700	(58,400)	7.2	(7.7)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

August 1992

(Revised July 1992 in parentheses)

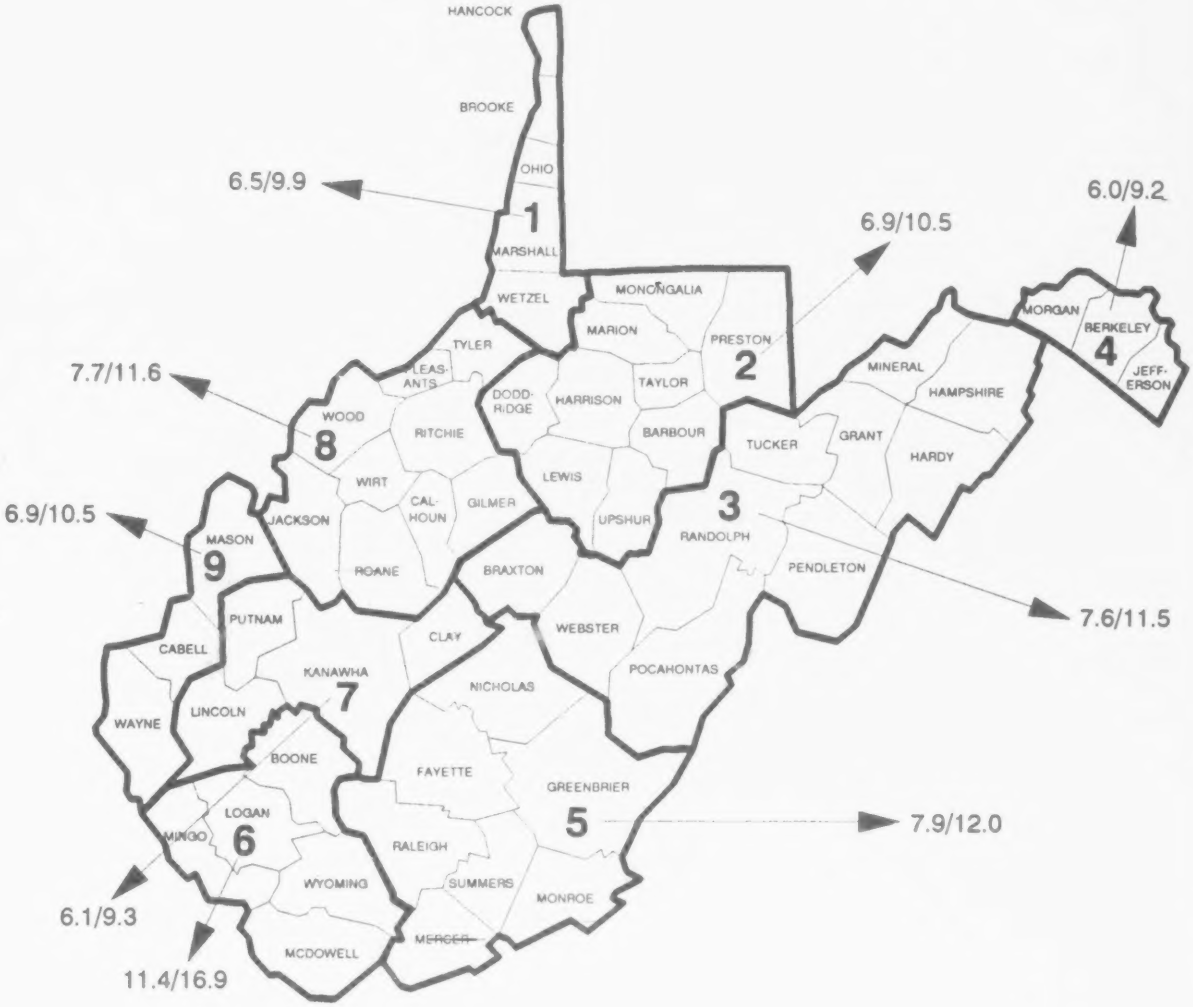
Approved by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to Allocate Federal Funds
and Determine Eligibility for Federal Assistance Programs

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,430	(4,620)	3,360	(3,500)	1,070	(1,120)	24.2	(24.2)
Berkeley	31,740	(32,480)	28,890	(29,360)	2,850	(3,120)	9.0	(9.6)
Boone	9,200	(9,340)	7,660	(7,920)	1,530	(1,420)	16.7	(15.2)
Braxton	5,630	(5,780)	4,710	(4,860)	920	(920)	16.3	(15.9)
Brooke	10,410	(10,480)	9,140	(9,290)	1,270	(1,200)	12.2	(11.4)
Cabell	44,370	(45,540)	40,200	(41,080)	4,170	(4,460)	9.4	(9.8)
Calhoun	2,970	(3,220)	2,520	(2,590)	450	(630)	15.2	(19.6)
Clay	3,320	(3,690)	2,820	(3,100)	500	(590)	15.1	(16.0)
Doddridge	2,540	(2,800)	2,270	(2,350)	260	(450)	10.4	(16.1)
Fayette	18,010	(18,600)	15,640	(16,120)	2,380	(2,480)	13.2	(13.3)
Gilmer	2,910	(3,120)	2,630	(2,790)	280	(330)	9.7	(10.4)
Grant	5,080	(5,140)	4,390	(4,500)	690	(650)	13.7	(12.5)
Greenbrier	15,890	(16,340)	14,510	(14,670)	1,380	(1,660)	8.7	(10.2)
Hampshire	7,520	(7,590)	6,740	(6,770)	780	(820)	10.4	(10.8)
Hancock	13,890	(13,960)	12,240	(12,440)	1,650	(1,520)	11.9	(10.9)
Hardy	6,280	(6,460)	5,930	(6,070)	360	(390)	5.7	(6.0)
Harrison	31,200	(32,720)	27,840	(28,790)	3,360	(3,930)	10.8	(12.0)
Jackson	10,150	(10,490)	8,760	(9,020)	1,400	(1,470)	13.7	(14.0)
Jefferson	18,000	(18,070)	16,280	(16,390)	1,730	(1,680)	9.6	(9.3)
Kanawha	102,770	(103,890)	94,000	(95,190)	8,770	(8,700)	8.5	(8.4)
Lewis	7,680	(7,970)	6,850	(7,040)	830	(930)	10.8	(11.7)
Lincoln	8,540	(9,080)	7,370	(7,890)	1,170	(1,190)	13.7	(13.1)
Logan	14,560	(14,850)	12,200	(12,670)	2,360	(2,180)	16.2	(14.7)
McDowell	7,330	(7,840)	5,760	(6,250)	1,570	(1,580)	21.4	(20.2)
Marion	22,870	(23,430)	19,750	(20,300)	3,120	(3,130)	13.6	(13.3)
Marshall	14,980	(15,300)	13,570	(13,880)	1,400	(1,420)	9.4	(9.3)
Mason	10,310	(10,600)	8,730	(9,020)	1,580	(1,590)	15.3	(15.0)
Mercer	27,140	(27,860)	24,230	(24,940)	2,900	(2,910)	10.7	(10.5)
Mineral	10,850	(11,100)	9,790	(10,040)	1,060	(1,060)	9.7	(9.6)
Mingo	12,590	(13,410)	11,080	(11,820)	1,510	(1,590)	12.0	(11.8)
Monongalia	40,380	(41,110)	37,940	(38,660)	2,440	(2,450)	6.0	(6.0)
Monroe	5,610	(5,610)	5,110	(5,170)	500	(440)	8.9	(7.9)
Morgan	5,600	(5,770)	5,090	(5,170)	510	(600)	9.2	(10.4)
Nicholas	9,480	(9,700)	7,930	(8,320)	1,550	(1,380)	16.3	(14.2)
Ohio	24,930	(25,430)	23,000	(23,520)	1,930	(1,910)	7.8	(7.5)
Pendleton	4,150	(4,240)	3,930	(3,990)	220	(250)	5.3	(5.8)
Pleasants	2,380	(2,430)	1,960	(2,050)	420	(380)	17.7	(15.8)
Pocahontas	4,470	(4,740)	3,930	(4,090)	550	(650)	12.2	(13.7)
Preston	13,230	(13,590)	11,820	(12,050)	1,410	(1,550)	10.7	(11.4)
Putnam	17,670	(17,910)	15,770	(15,970)	1,910	(1,940)	10.8	(10.8)
Raleigh	30,360	(30,880)	26,380	(27,010)	3,980	(3,870)	13.1	(12.5)
Randolph	12,220	(12,840)	10,790	(11,150)	1,430	(1,690)	11.7	(13.2)
Ritchie	5,690	(5,820)	4,950	(5,100)	740	(720)	13.0	(12.3)
Roane	5,010	(5,470)	4,270	(4,490)	740	(980)	14.8	(17.9)
Summers	4,590	(4,810)	3,990	(4,170)	590	(630)	13.0	(13.2)
Taylor	6,060	(6,330)	5,460	(5,640)	600	(690)	10.0	(10.8)
Tucker	4,290	(4,450)	3,660	(3,790)	630	(660)	14.6	(14.8)
Tyler	4,870	(5,080)	4,450	(4,580)	430	(500)	8.7	(9.9)
Upshur	8,440	(8,610)	7,190	(7,430)	1,250	(1,180)	14.8	(13.7)
Wayne	16,140	(16,430)	14,420	(14,740)	1,720	(1,690)	10.7	(10.3)
Webster	3,290	(3,470)	2,600	(2,730)	690	(750)	21.0	(21.5)
Wetzel	9,750	(9,970)	8,700	(8,950)	1,050	(1,020)	10.8	(10.2)
Wirt	2,110	(2,220)	1,760	(1,830)	350	(390)	16.8	(17.6)
Wood	43,730	(43,950)	39,280	(39,580)	4,450	(4,370)	10.2	(9.9)
Wyoming	7,300	(7,790)	5,650	(6,080)	1,650	(1,710)	22.6	(22.0)
Statewide	774,900	(794,400)	689,800	(706,900)	85,000	(87,500)	11.0	(11.0)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

Partnership for Progress Area Unemployment Rates

WV Series / BLS Series ***August 1992***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OHIO
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BERKELEY
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JEFF-ERSON
MARION
PRESTON
2
TYLER
7.7/11.6
PLEAS-ANTS
DODD-RIDGE
HARRISON
TAYLOR
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WOOD
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HARDY
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CAL-HOUN
GILMER
UPSHUR
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RANDOLPH
MASON
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ROANE
BRAXTON
PENDLETON
7.6/11.5
PUTNAM
CLAY
WEBSTER
CABELL
KANAWHA
7
POCAHONTAS
NICHOLAS
WAYNE
LINCOLN
BOONE
FAYETTE
GREENBRIER
LOGAN
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SUMMERS
MONROE
6.1/9.3
MERCER
MCDOWELL
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All Partnership for Progress Areas savored declines in the West Virginia Series unemployment rate during August 1992 with the lone exception being Area 6 where the rate was unchanged for the month. Although government employment declined substantially with the conclusion of the Governor's Summer Youth Program, gains within private sector employment, and in particular services and construction, helped support progress within the Partnership Areas. Significant declines in the unemployment rate occurred in Areas 2 and 3 (-0.8) followed by Areas 4 and 8 (-0.7) and Area 9 (-0.6). While Area 6 posted no gain or loss in the unemployment rate, the distinction of having the highest rate (11.4) for the month belonged to them. Area 4 registered the lowest rate (6.0) followed by Area 7 (6.1) and Area 5 (7.9).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug. '92	*Revised July '92*	*Revised Aug. '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	116.3	116.7	115.9
Employment	109.6	109.6	109.9
Unemployment	6.7	7.1	5.9
Rate (%)	5.8	6.1	5.1
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	125.3	126.4	126.1
Employment	118.3	119.3	119.5
Unemployment	7.0	7.1	6.6
Rate (%)	5.6	5.6	5.3
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	71.3	71.0	69.6
Employment	67.3	66.9	66.4
Unemployment	4.0	4.1	3.2
Rate (%)	5.7	5.8	4.6
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	68.6	69.5	67.7
Employment	65.5	66.1	65.0
Unemployment	3.2	3.4	2.7
Rate (%)	4.6	4.9	4.0
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	38.2	39.6	37.5
Employment	35.5	36.3	34.9
Unemployment	2.7	3.4	2.6
Rate (%)	7.0	8.5	7.0
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.9	12.3	12.0
Employment	10.5	10.9	10.4
Unemployment	1.4	1.4	1.5
Rate (%)	11.9	11.5	12.9
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	52.1	52.7	50.8
Employment	49.7	50.0	48.6
Unemployment	2.4	2.7	2.2
Rate (%)	4.7	5.1	4.3
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.1	14.4	14.2
Employment	13.1	13.3	13.3
Unemployment	0.9	1.0	0.9
Rate (%)	6.6	7.1	6.4
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.8	21.0	21.3
Employment	19.6	19.6	20.0
Unemployment	1.2	1.4	1.3
Rate (%)	5.7	6.7	6.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug. '92	*Revised July '92*	*Revised Aug. '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	120.4	121.8	124.2
Employment	109.8	111.2	113.7
Unemployment	10.7	10.6	10.5
Rate (%)	8.9	8.7	8.4
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	132.1	132.3	133.8
Employment	118.8	120.2	120.9
Unemployment	13.3	12.1	12.9
Rate (%)	10.1	9.1	9.6
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	76.2	76.1	74.2
Employment	69.2	69.3	68.6
Unemployment	7.0	6.8	5.7
Rate (%)	9.2	9.0	7.6
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	73.0	74.3	72.0
Employment	67.4	68.5	67.1
Unemployment	5.6	5.8	4.8
Rate (%)	7.6	7.8	6.7
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	39.8	41.8	40.7
Employment	35.6	36.8	36.1
Unemployment	4.2	5.1	4.6
Rate (%)	10.6	12.1	11.4
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.8	13.2	13.5
Employment	10.5	11.0	10.8
Unemployment	2.2	2.1	2.7
Rate (%)	17.5	16.1	20.1
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	53.6	54.7	54.2
Employment	49.8	50.7	50.3
Unemployment	3.9	4.0	3.9
Rate (%)	7.2	7.3	7.2
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.6	15.1	15.4
Employment	13.1	13.5	13.8
Unemployment	1.5	1.5	1.6
Rate (%)	10.1	10.1	10.5
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.5	21.9	23.0
Employment	19.6	19.8	20.6
Unemployment	1.9	2.1	2.4
Rate (%)	8.8	9.6	10.3

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased only slightly (+100) during August 1992 in the Charleston MSA. The local goods-producing sector advanced by 200 jobs., as construction posted a moderate increase (+300). Manufacturing fell by 100 jobs, while the mining industry remained unchanged over the month. Comparison with year-ago August 1991 indicates an overall yearly advance of 700 jobs locally. All of this gain was among the service-producing industries (+600) particularly state government (+700). This particular increase at the state level resulted from lingering employment in the Governor's Summer Youth Program for 1992. In addition, the total number of openings in this program (statewide) grew by approximately 3,000 jobs over calendar year. Service industry jobs increased by 300 from a year ago. Most other industries in either the service or goods-producing sectors were essentially unchanged from over the annual comparison.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment declined by some 400 jobholders in the Charleston MSA during August 1992. The corresponding MSA unemployment rate declined to 5.8 percent of the civilian labor force. The year-ago August 1991 comparison reveals an increase of 800 unemployed, while the current 5.8 percent unemployment rate remains higher than the year-ago figure of 5.1 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim Aug. '92	*Revised July'92*	*Revised Aug. '91*
Labor Force	116.3	116.7	115.9
Employment	109.6	109.6	109.9
Unemployment	6.7	7.1	5.9
Rate (%)	5.8	6.1	5.1

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim Aug. '92	*Revised July'92*	*Revised Aug. '91*
Labor Force	120.4	121.8	124.2
Employment	109.8	111.2	113.7
Unemployment	10.7	10.6	10.5
Rate (%)	8.9	8.7	8.4

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. '92	*July'92*	*Aug. '91*	*Aug. '92*	*July'92*	*Aug. '91*	*Aug. '92*	*July'92*	*Aug. '91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	114.0	113.9	113.3						
PRIVATE SECTOR	93.6	93.4	93.6	37.2	37.1	37.8	10.07	10.02	9.83
GOODS-PRODUCING	18.7	18.5	18.6						
Mining	2.1	2.1	2.4						
Construction	6.1	5.8	5.5						
Manufacturing	10.5	10.6	10.7	43.9	44.6	44.4	14.47	14.68	13.30
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.7	43.5	43.8	36.2	10.26	10.56	11.17
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.7	9.0	44.0	44.9	46.4	15.75	15.88	13.69
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.1	7.2	7.6	46.6	48.0	48.7	17.50	17.45	14.66
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.4	36.0	34.8	38.2	8.62	8.87	9.32
SERVICE-PRODUCING	95.3	95.4	94.7						
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.8	8.7	8.9						
Trade	28.2	28.3	28.6	34.2	33.5	33.0	7.76	7.72	7.65
Wholesale Trade	7.0	7.0	7.1	42.2	41.6	41.6	10.69	10.51	10.31
Retail Trade	21.2	21.3	21.5	31.8	31.1	30.4	6.59	6.60	6.56
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	4.3	4.2	4.4	30.6	30.6	29.5	7.02	7.08	7.10
Food Stores	3.7	3.8	3.9	30.3	29.0	26.9	6.48	6.43	6.29
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	2.5	2.5	2.6	37.0	36.6	38.2	8.83	8.67	8.51
Eating & Drinking Places	6.6	6.7	6.6	29.5	29.0	27.7	5.17	5.39	5.13
Other Retail Trade	4.1	4.1	4.0						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.5	6.5	6.4	37.6	37.1	37.4	8.58	8.55	8.96
Finance	2.9	2.9	2.9						
Insurance	2.6	2.6	2.5						
Real Estate	1.0	1.0	1.0						
Services	31.4	31.4	31.1	36.1	35.9	38.4	9.02	8.93	8.78
Personal & Business Services	5.2	5.2	5.1	34.4	34.5	34.1	6.45	6.41	6.10
Health Services	11.8	11.8	11.7	40.1	40.0	43.9	9.47	9.59	9.47
Social Services	2.2	2.2	2.1						
Membership Organizations	3.9	3.9	3.8						
Other Services	8.3	8.3	8.4						
Government	20.4	20.5	19.7						
Federal	2.0	2.0	2.1						
State	9.9	10.1	9.2						
Local	8.5	8.4	8.4						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA declined 1,100 during August 1992. The bulk of the monthly drop resulted from the seasonal ending of the Governor's Summer Youth Program in state government (-700). Private sector employment retreated by 300 jobs, as both the MSA goods (-300) and service-producing (-800) sectors suffered losses during August 1992. The primary and fabricated metals industry accounted for the loss (-300) among goods-producing industries. Most service-producing industries other than total government (-800) remained essentially unchanged. Comparison with year ago August 1991 indicates a decline of 700 jobs locally. Both the goods (-400) and service-producing (-300) industry sectors participated in the annual decrease.

Unemployment: The number of unemployed in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA declined 100 over the month, to 7,000 during August. The number of unemployed was up 400 over the year. The unemployment rate for August remained unchanged at 5.6 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with August 1991 indicates the MSA unemployment rate was 0.3 percent below the current rate, at 5.3 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug. '92	*Revised July '92*	*Revised Aug. '91*
Labor Force	125.3	126.4	126.1
Employment	118.3	119.3	119.5
Unemployment	7.0	7.1	6.6
Rate (%)	5.6	5.6	5.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug. '92	*Revised July '92*	*Revised Aug. '91*
Labor Force	132.1	132.3	133.8
Employment	118.8	120.2	120.9
Unemployment	13.3	12.1	12.9
Rate (%)	10.1	9.1	9.6

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. '92	*July '92*	*Aug. '91*	*Aug. '92*	*July '92*	*Aug. '91*	*Aug. '92*	*July '92*	*Aug. '91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	109.3	110.4	110.0						
PRIVATE SECTOR	92.0	92.3	92.6	35.7	36.1	35.4	10.40	10.46	9.97
GOODS-PRODUCING	26.1	26.4	26.5						
Mining	1.6	1.7	1.6						
Construction	4.8	4.9	5.0						
Manufacturing	19.7	19.8	19.9	40.0	41.1	40.5	13.85	14.16	14.04
Durable Goods	11.1	11.3	11.4	39.6	41.3	41.3	14.47	14.86	14.96
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.3	1.4	39.1	38.8	41.8	12.29	12.85	12.86
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	6.8	7.1	7.4	39.5	42.1	42.1	16.30	16.69	16.72
Other Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	2.6						
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.5	8.5	40.5	41.0	39.3	13.03	13.18	12.69
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.5	1.6	39.1	39.5	32.5	6.53	6.73	7.38
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.5	4.5	4.4	40.7	42.7	42.0	16.98	16.81	15.99
Other Nondurable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.5						
SERVICE-PRODUCING	83.2	84.0	83.5						
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.2	7.2	8.0						
Trade	27.9	27.8	28.3	32.2	32.2	32.1	7.16	7.11	7.17
Wholesale Trade	5.6	5.5	5.5	39.6	40.1	40.1	9.94	10.08	10.08
Retail Trade	22.3	22.3	22.8	30.5	30.4	30.4	6.34	6.25	6.34
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	5.0	5.0	5.1	29.8	29.3	29.4	6.82	6.50	6.54
Food Stores	3.7	3.6	3.9	30.3	30.6	29.4	6.53	6.52	6.35
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	2.4	2.4	2.4	35.7	34.1	35.7	7.44	7.23	8.33
Eating & Drinking Places	7.0	7.1	7.1	27.4	27.4	26.7	5.04	5.14	4.88
Other Retail Trade	4.2	4.2	4.3						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.9	37.9	37.6	37.6	7.71	7.80	7.51
Services	26.9	27.0	25.9	33.8	34.3	32.8	9.71	9.52	8.73
Personal & Business Services	3.7	3.7	3.6						
Health Services	11.5	11.4	10.8	36.0	35.3	35.7	10.69	11.08	10.39
Government	17.3	18.1	17.4						
Federal	3.1	3.1	3.0						
State	4.0	4.7	3.8						
Local	10.2	10.3	10.6						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

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Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment grew by 300 during August 1992 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. Goods-producing jobs increased by 200 for the thirty day period. Manufacturing businesses supplied the entire expansion within goods-producing while all other sectors remained even. Service-producing employment inched forward generating 100 jobs for the month. Gains were recorded in trade (+100) and services (+200) with government sustaining the lone decline (-200). Total nonfarm payroll employment over the year increased 1,100. Goods-producing jobs decreased by 600 during the twelve month period, however. Losses were registered in construction (-500) and manufacturing (-100). By comparison, service-producing employment expanded by 1,700. Increases were posted in trade (+700), finance, insurance, and real estate (+100), services (+500), and government (+400).

Unemployment: The number of unemployed in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA declined 100 during August 1992. Consequently, the unemployment rate fell from 5.8 to 5.7 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to August 1991, the unemployment rate grew from 4.6 to 5.7 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim Aug '92	*Revised July '92*	*Revised Aug '91*
Labor Force	71.3	71.0	69.6
Employment	67.3	66.9	66.4
Unemployment	4.0	4.1	3.2
Rate (%)	5.7	5.8	4.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim Aug '92	*Revised July '92*	*Revised Aug '91*
Labor Force	76.2	76.1	74.2
Employment	69.2	69.3	68.6
Unemployment	7.0	6.8	5.7
Rate (%)	9.2	9.0	7.6

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug '92	*July'92*	*Aug '91*	*Aug '92*	*July'92*	*Aug '91*	*Aug '92*	*July'92*	*Aug '91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	63.1	62.8	62.0						
PRIVATE SECTOR	53.1	52.6	52.4	35.3	35.1	34.2	9.92	10.19	10.11
GOODS-PRODUCING	17.1	16.9	17.7						
Mining	0.4	0.4	0.4						
Construction	2.7	2.7	3.2						
Manufacturing	14.0	13.8	14.1	41.3	41.1	40.9	13.97	14.44	13.99
Durable Goods	6.8	6.6	6.9	38.3	37.6	38.0	12.52	12.61	12.33
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.9	0.9	0.9	37.4	36.3	37.0	8.67	8.99	9.19
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.5	1.7	44.1	43.0	42.7	13.27	13.56	12.96
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.9	2.8	2.8	34.6	34.3	35.2	13.43	13.41	13.23
Other Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.5						
Nondurable Goods	7.2	7.2	7.2	44.9	45.3	44.2	15.46	16.24	15.66
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.3	5.3	5.4	44.6	45.1	44.0	17.02	17.92	17.00
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8						
SERVICE-PRODUCING	46.0	45.9	44.3						
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.7	2.7	2.7						
Trade	15.5	15.4	14.8	32.8	32.7	31.4	6.90	6.99	7.07
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.0	2.9	42.2	41.7	41.2	9.14	9.17	9.29
Retail Trade	12.5	12.4	11.9	30.8	30.8	29.2	6.26	6.36	6.37
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	2.5	2.5	2.2	30.9	31.1	28.9	6.38	6.39	6.71
Food Stores	2.2	2.2	2.2	32.0	31.6	28.3	6.71	6.84	6.76
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	1.7	1.7	1.6	40.7	41.3	41.2	7.16	7.97	8.14
Eating & Drinking Places	3.8	3.8	3.7	26.2	25.5	24.2	4.89	4.78	4.64
Other Retail Trade	2.3	2.2	2.2						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.4	2.4	2.3	32.9	30.1	31.2	6.97	6.79	6.49
Services	15.4	15.2	14.9	32.3	32.1	29.9	7.90	8.01	7.88
Personal & Business Services	3.7	3.7	3.5	36.3	35.1	33.1	7.11	7.85	7.22
Health Services	4.9	4.8	4.7	31.7	32.4	31.4	9.15	9.07	8.74
Other Services	6.8	6.7	6.7						
Government	10.0	10.2	9.6						
Federal	2.0	2.0	1.9						
State	1.1	1.3	1.1						
Local	6.9	6.9	6.6						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

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Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 600 jobs during August 1992 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA. The local goods-producing sector advanced by 200 jobs, with the increase limited to manufacturing. The service-producing sector posted a decline of 800, with the largest decrease in transportation and public utilities (-600). Government had the next largest decline with a loss of 400 jobs. The service industry posted the only increase (+200), while all other industries remained essentially unchanged. Comparison with year-ago August 1991 shows an increase of 400 jobs locally, with a loss of 500 jobs in goods-producing offset by a healthy increase of 900 in the service-producing industries. Manufacturing(-400) and trade(-300) suffered the biggest over the year losses, while services(+600) and government(+500) posted marked increases.

Unemployment: Resident-based total employment declined by 200 jobholders during August 1992, with the corresponding unemployment rate dropping to 4.6 percent of the civilian labor force. Total unemployment increased 500 over the year, causing the unemployment rate to rise from 4.0 percent to the current 4.6 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug. '92	*Revised July '92*	*Revised Aug. '91*
Labor Force	68.6	69.5	67.7
Employment	65.5	66.1	65.0
Unemployment	3.2	3.4	2.7
Rate (%)	4.6	4.9	4.0

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug. '92	*Revised July '92*	*Revised Aug. '91*
Labor Force	73.0	74.3	72.0
Employment	67.4	68.5	67.1
Unemployment	5.6	5.8	4.8
Rate (%)	7.6	7.8	6.7

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. '92	*July '92*	*Aug. '91*	*Aug. '92*	*July '92*	*Aug. '91*	*Aug. '92*	*July '92*	*Aug. '91*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	60.5	61.1	60.1						
PRIVATE SECTOR	51.0	51.2	51.1	35.1	34.3	34.2	9.97	9.79	9.89
GOODS-PRODUCING	11.2	11.0	11.7						
Mining	2.1	2.1	2.2	47.0	38.8	46.9	19.85	19.65	19.09
Construction	2.1	2.1	2.1						
Manufacturing	7.0	6.8	7.4	40.0	38.6	40.7	15.01	14.19	14.29
Durable Goods	2.7	2.6	2.9	37.8	36.2	41.2	13.86	13.03	14.01
Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.2	4.5	41.7	40.5	40.2	15.84	15.04	14.53
SERVICE-PRODUCING	49.3	50.1	48.4						
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.9	3.3						
Trade	15.2	15.2	15.5	31.8	31.5	32.0	6.89	7.02	6.97
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.7	2.9	39.6	40.1	39.6	9.60	9.66	9.00
Retail Trade	12.5	12.5	12.6	30.3	29.8	30.4	6.18	6.31	6.41
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	2.6	2.5	2.5						
Food Stores	2.3	2.3	2.3						
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	1.5	1.5	1.6						
Eating & Drinking Places	4.0	4.0	4.1						
Other Retail Trade	2.1	2.2	2.1						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.2	3.2	3.1	34.2	34.1	34.2	7.31	7.19	6.85
Services	18.1	17.9	17.5						
Health Services	8.1	8.1	7.9	36.6	37.0	32.2	8.83	8.56	8.83
Other Services	10.0	9.8	9.6						
Government	9.5	9.9	9.0						
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7						
State	1.6	1.8	1.5						
Local	7.2	7.4	6.8						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

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Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date*	NONFARM JOB OPENINGS		UNFILLED		FILLED	Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
		Active File	Received Program Year to Date	Total	30 Days or More	Total		
TOTAL	191,261	72,667	39,421	2,546	1,585	27,163	4.9	28.5
Professional, Technical & Managerial	20,285	7,369	1,640	204	110	605	12.4	36.1
Clerical & Sales	51,188	16,569	9,962	875	573	5,924	5.1	18.9
Services	24,137	7,745	8,745	408	190	6,025	2.8	19.0
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,914	774	226	6	3	124	8.5	129.0
Processing	10,734	4,156	1,044	163	146	853	10.3	25.5
Machine Trades	12,888	5,252	1,393	75	47	859	9.3	70.0
Benchwork	7,331	2,845	1,079	66	51	732	6.8	43.1
Structural Work	32,704	13,895	2,767	274	132	1,529	11.8	50.7
Miscellaneous	39,323	15,730	12,565	475	333	10,512	3.1	33.1
Transportation	8,655	3,433	1,433	136	61	756	6.0	25.2
Packaging & Materials Handling	21,955	7,596	10,229	132	88	9,319	2.1	57.5
Other	8,713	4,701	903	207	184	437	9.6	22.7
Entry Total	20	20	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

*July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

	Aug. 1992	July 1992	Aug. 1991	Percent Change: July 1992	Percent Change: Aug. 1991
Initial Claims	6,554	9,498	7,828	-31.0	-16.3
Weeks Claimed	76,989	86,458	81,094	-11.0	-5.1
Benefits Paid	$10,440,466	$10,990,346	$10,316,320	-5.0	1.2
Weeks Compensated	64,330	71,377	67,837	-9.9	-5.2
Average Weekly Payment	$162.30	$153.98	$152.08	5.4	6.7
Trust Fund Balance, End of Month	$150,169,358	$140,151,821	$137,744,214	7.1	9.0

Workers' Compensation

Select Workers' Compensation Claims Activities

	Aug. 1992	July 1992	Aug. 1991	Percent Change July 1992	Percent Change Aug. 1991
Temporary Disability Benefits Paid	6,028,401	5,769,101	5,962,981	4.5	1.1
Medical Benefits Paid	10,167,782	7,186,903	6,585,578	41.5	54.4
Permanent Partial Disability Benefits Paid	4,187,324	4,355,535	4,784,615	-3.9	-12.5
Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	8,096,536	8,019,656	7,185,697	1.0	12.7
Benefits to Dependents of Fatalities	2,404,604	1,963,315	1,513,725	22.5	58.9
Funeral Benefits Paid	29,765	3,500	14,000	750.4	112.6
Miscellaneous Benefits Paid*	278,494	265,102	285,113	5.1	-2.3
DWRF** Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	621,737	638,098	622,890	-2.6	-0.2
DWRF** Benefits Paid to Dependents of Fatalities	1,048,136	1,024,834	1,046,540	2.3	0.2
Sum of All Benefits Paid	32,862,779	29,226,045	28,001,139	12.4	17.4

** Includes returned benefit checks, attorney fees and specified dependent benefits.*
*** Disabled Workers' Relief Fund provides benefits to meet the weekly minimum benefit payable for worker's injured prior to July 1, 1971.*

Select Job Training Partnership Act Characteristics

Performance Standard Report
July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992

Job Training Program	Standard	Actual
Entered Employment Rate - Adults	68	68
Average Wage at Placements Adults	4.95	3.43
Cost Per Entered Employment Adults	4,500	4,396
Entered Employment Rate - Welfare Recipients	56	60
Entered Employment Rate - Youth (Out of School Programs)	45	45
Positive Termination Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	75	81
Cost Per Positive Termination - Youth	4,900	3,804
Employability Enhancement Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	33	65

Characteristics	Enrolled	Positive Outlook*
Adult	3,658	2,963
Female	2,011	1,630
Male	1,647	1,333
Youth	3,597	2,914
Female	1,790	1,486
Male	1,807	1,428
School Dropout	**	1,079
High School Graduate /Equivalent or above	**	3,487
Single Parent	**	730
Black	**	448
Hispanic	**	11
Handicapped	**	666
Unemployed	**	3,286
Welfare	**	1,305
Veterans	**	407

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